

John Black obtained this land from the Crown. He deeded it to his son, Duncan, when he married Catherine Duncanson. It was primarily bush and the young couple quickly built a sturdy log cabin. This served as their home for several years until the present brick house was built around 1880. Sinclair Brothers of St. Thomas were the architects. The bricks were made somewhere in Ekfrid, were hauled across the Thames River when it was frozen. The foundation is stone and the walls are three layers of brick.

The Blacks were strict Presbyterians, being charter members of the first Duff's Church at Largie, which was a log building. As well as observing the Sabbath, they worshipped night and morning through out the week. However the parents and family of eight children had many good times together in the house with parties, sugar-offs, and taffy pulls. All three daughters were married in the house. Two of the sons John and Jim, along with several friendly Indians, erected the large barns. Later Archie, Duncan, and Daniel farmed the land until they retired.

Duncan Black was clever with his hands and was always striving to make farm life easier and more efficient. He built a one seated high-g geared sulky with two large wheels, he made a churn which was powered by trained dogs, a washing machine, and a straw conveyor on the threshing machine that greatly lessened the work. His major invention was a sheaf binder on a Massey-Harris machine.

Duncan Black (1833 - 1919) married Catherine Duncanson (1839-1899) and lived on the farm presently owned by Donald A. McCallum.

Their family were;

- John D. (1859 - 1938), lived on Ivan McCallum's farm and was a bachelor.
- James D.(1861 - 1935) Married Anne McCallum and had no family. He was a car salesman and lived in Dutton.
- Christena (1865 - 1936) Married John Beatty, had no family and lived in Windsor.
- Archie D. (1869 - 1958) married Mary Mullins and lived in Ekfrid
- Duncan B (1871 - 1955) was a bachelor
- Annie (1872 - 1924) married John McDonald
- Mary (1875 - 1967) married Peter Johnson and lived in Windsor and Detroit.
- Daniel D. (1879 - 1954) married Tilly McCloy, lived in Ekfrid, Dunwich and Ailsa Craig. He had one son.

All the Black family are buried at Fairview Cemetery, Dutton.

In July 1949, Archie sold the farm to William A. McCallum and Sons. He lived in the house for several years then moved to his daughter's home in Glencoe.

On August 30, 1955, Donald McCallum married Yvonne Patterson and they renovated the whole house. The upstairs was gutted and the rooms were reorganized into four bedrooms and a bathroom with a central hall. The walls were plastered and the floors sanded. Downstairs the living room was replastered and the floors sanded. The kitchen was modernized with new cupboards, floor covering and making a door into a window. A wood furnace was installed. Alex (Sandy) Stewart was the carpenter. In 1970 an entry and two piece bath were built where the front door was located. A deck was added at the back in 1979 and in 1983 the wooden back kitchen was torn down. Over the years two silos have been built, a feedlot with augered feed for 150 cattle set up, with the old horse stable becoming a second cattle barn joined to the feedlot. A deep well was drilled in 1981 and is connected to both the house and barn. The farm is used for general farming. In the 1960's maple syrup was made in the sugar shanty in the woods.

Donald Alexander McCallum (b. March 14, 1931) married Marilyn Yvonne Patterson (b. March 9, 1933)

They were married on August 30, 1955, at the United Church manse in Lawrence Station with Rev. Harrower officiating.

Their family is :

Nancy Jean born April 17, 1956, married Robert James McKillop, born June 7, 1952.
They were married at Chalmers United Church on September 9, 1978, Rev. David Northy officiating.
David Robert was born December 14, 1983.
They live near Wallacetown where Bob has a farm and Nancy teaches at Elm Day Care in Glencoe.

Jamie Patterson born January 29, 1959, lives in London where he works for Canada Trust.

John Duncan born July 30, 1962 married Debra Lynn Johnson born June 25, 1961.
They were married April 16, 1983 at Melbourne Presbyterian Church with Rev. Donald McCallum, Largie, officiating.
Donald Jeffrey was born March 3, 1984.
Duncan farms with his father and Debbie works in Glencoe.

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Donald A. and Yvonne(Patterson) McCallum
Duncan, Jamie, Nancy and her husband
Robert McKillop. Taken December, 1978.

South ½ Lot 17, Concession 2William A. McCallum

This parcel of land was probably two 50 acre lots with small huts on each. On the maps, John McPhail owned it in 1860 and Archie Black in 1907. Archie Black built the white brick house on the west side of the creek where Mary and Clarence McCallum still reside.

Archie Black sold the property to Dick Smith who owned it for one year. He moved the original barn from Lot 16 (Duncan Black) to the farm and it is still in use. In the early 1920's William A. McCallum bought the farm. He raised the barn onto a high cement block foundation. In 1945 an addition of 25 feet was added to the barn. A silo was built in 1955. The garage and back kitchen of the house came from the Fletcher place on the corner of the third concession and the Cowal sideroad.

William Alexander McCallum (1893 - 1969) married Mary Campbell (1892 -) in 1922, and their family is:

Archie Bruce born 1923, married Agnes Jean McWilliam, born 1919. They were married in 1943 and have two children, John (who has three children) and Rosemary (who has one child). They live at Lot 14, Conc. 3.

Clarence Duncan born 1925, never married and lives with his mother on the home farm.

Ivan Campbell born 1928 married Phylliss Wilma Lunn born 1935. They were married in 1958 and have two children Kenneth and Mary Anne and live at Lot 16 Conc. 3).

Donald Alexander born 1931 married Marilyn Yvonne Patterson born 1933. They have three children, Nancy (Mrs. Robert McKillop), Jamie, and Duncan. (see Lot 16, Conc.2).

Maribel Regina born 1938 married Donald Stewart Clayton born 1935. Their family is Tom, Chris, Alex, and Carol. They live in Kingston.

William A. McCallum farmed all his life and during his lifetime bought several farms which are still in the family. Each spring maple syrup was made in the sugar bush. Mixed farming was carried on with turkeys, pigs, sheep, chickens, and cattle being kept on the farm. Today the main industry is beef cattle and growing corn.

William A. died suddenly from a heart attack on January 31, 1969 and is buried at Cowal Cemetary. His wife Mary and son Clarence still reside in the house.

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William A. McCallum and his wife Mary (Campbell) on their 40th Wedding Anniversary, June 21, 1962.

Back - Clarence, Donald, Bruce, Maribel, Ivan.

Child - Jamie McCallum.

In a copy of the deed for this farm it is registered as taken from the crown in 1801, on 30th June in the name of William Shaw. In 1837 Burgess Switzer is listed on the south-east half, also a Philip Switzer and a George Elliott.

In 1851 John Turner settled on the corner. He was married to a Nancy McCallum, who came from the adjoining township of Southwold. They built a log house near where the present house now stands. Mrs. Turner told a neighbour that they cooked their first meal in a stump in the centre of the house. They had eight children. John settled in Jackson, Michigan. Margaret married Horton Peckham. Her daughter, Leona, was raised on the old homestead and later married William Hillman of Dutton. Duncan lived on the farm occupied by Ray Jewell, which now (in 1986) is the property of Daniel McCallum. Duncan finally moved to the fourth concession where his son Basil Turner lived. Sarah married a Sandy McWilliam and settled in Western Canada. Belle lived at home. Daniel Turner owned this place until it was sold to Robert Campbell in 1912, and he moved to the fifth concession on the farm occupied by Jim Davis. Hugh and Sandy settled in California. The Turners had acquaintances live with them. A Mac Taylor (by Ginges) and Jim Day.

One Christmas Mr. and Mrs. Alex McWilliam Sr. from across the hill were invited over for Christmas dinner. The fowl was goose and Mr. McWilliam was asked to carve. Jim Day was one of the first served and just dug right in. Before Mr. McWilliam was through serving he had all his goose eaten and passed his plate back asking (more goose, Alex, more goose). As there were quite a few around the table there wasn't much goose for anyone.

A frame kitchen was built on behind the log house and then a frame house was built where the present house now stands, and the frame kitchen was moved over behind it. Approximately the year 1900, sparks from the chimney set fire to the roof of the house and all burnt down. The present house was built in 1902-1903. The bricks were made at Alex Smith's brick yard and were worth at that time \$5.00 per thousand. There are approximately 20,000 bricks in the house.

Robert Campbell purchased the farm in 1912. He did not live on the farm himself, but used it as a pasture farm. The oldest of his three children, William James (Bill) married Muriel Piper of Iona Station. They were married in 1940. They have owned and lived on that farm from 1940 until 1979, when they moved to St. Thomas. They had three children, Pamela Jean, Laurine Elizabeth and Jennifer Louise. They now have ten grandchildren (1986)..

The farm was sold to Michael Dietrich in 1979. They have two children.

South 1/2, Lot 18, Concession 2

Michael Dietrich

Michael Dietrich bought this 1.00 acres from William J. Campbell in 1979. Since then they have renovated the inside of the house and painted the trim and porchs on the outside. Trees and shrubs have been planted around the yard. They have entered the Home Beautification competition in connection with the International Plowing Match to be held in Elgin County in 1985.

Michael Dietrich married Catherine (Cathy) Flanagan on January 15, 1972. They have two small children:

Christopher born in 1976

Jacqueline born in 1978 (she is called Jackie)

Michael works for Robert Morrissey, Crediton, a tile and drainage company, where he is a bulldozer operator.

South Part Lot 19, Concession 2William Graham

This 50 acre parcel of land was bought by Lt. Col. W. Campbell in August, 1795. Around 1850 William Graham purchased it, then in 1867 Neil Fadyen bought the North $\frac{1}{4}$ and in 1885 Isabella Campbell bought the South $\frac{3}{4}$.

William Graham (1816-1889, 73 years) married his wife Margaret (1816-1888, 72 years) and they had one child, Isabella Graham.

Isabella (Bella) was born January 19, 1851. She married Malcolm Campbell on June 1st, 1872 at Wallacetown. Malcolm was born July 19, 1844 and died July 22, 1886, 42 years. Isabella died March 28, 1939. They raised three sons and three daughters.

In January 1904, Archibald C. Campbell purchased this 50 acres from Isabella Campbell. Later Archie's son owned it, (Humphrey) then he sold it to his son Ronald, who sold to his brother, Donald, who is the present owner in 1984.

At one time there was a house on the east side of the gully, in a distance from the road. This is where the Graham family lived. The large gully running through the farm eventually empties into the Thames River. For two or three years around 1980 there was an experimental plot on this farm to test for various methods of cultivation as well as weed control.

South ½ Lot 20, Concession 2

Humphrey Campbell

By Mrs. Ron Campbell.

Originally this land was owned by a Mr. Woodsley who had bought it from the Crown. Around 1882 he sold it to Archie C. Campbell (1855-1930) and Regina Pollard (1861-1941) when they were married.

There was a small house in the orchard at first, however in 1900 Archie built a red brick house there. Before laying the bricks, they were soaked in water so that the mortar wouldn't dry out. The mason was Edward Small and the carpenter was Peter Forbes.

Archie and Regina farmed the land until Humphrey married Katie Campbell in November 1927, then they moved to Dutton where Archie died in 1930 with burial in Fairview Cemetery, Dutton. Regina stayed with her daughter, Jennie (Mrs. Archie T. McCallum) until her death in 1941. She is buried in Fairview Cemetery, too.

The barn was moved to where it now stands about eight years before the house was built. They kept cows, horses, pigs, and sheep. Sheep were washed in a dammed-up creek a week before shearing so that the wool would be clean.

The McAlpine farm (N½ Lot 20, Concession 2) was bought about 1902. When Robert Campbell married Jessie Gentleman in 1912, he moved the McAlpine house on rollers to his own place on the Willey's Sideroad. This took nearly a week to accomplish.

The family growing up in the house were:

1. Robert (1883 - 1961) married Jessie Gentleman and lived at N½ Lot 19, Conc. 3
2. William (1885 - 1904) was killed when he fell from a load of logs and was pinned on the wagon tongue. 19 years.
3. Alexander (1888 - 1970) married Anna McTavish and lived on Lot 19. Concession 2.
4. Janet (1890 - 1977) Jennie married Archie Tom McCallum and lived E½ Lot 19, Concession 4.
5. Mary (1892 -) Married William A. McCallum and lived S½ Lot 17, Concession 2.
6. Humphrey (1897 - 1980) married Katie Campbell.

Humphrey inherited the old home and married Katie Campbell (of another Campbell clan) and moved into the house after his marriage in 1927.

Four children were born to them:

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| twins | 1. <u>Archibald Ronald</u> (1929) | lives N½ Lot 20, Conc. 3, married Shirley Brown, London. |
| | 2. <u>John Donald</u> (1929) | lives N½ Lot 23, Conc. 3, married Shirley Milligan. |
| | 3. <u>Robert Ansel</u> (1933) | married Mary McMillan and teaches physical education in Wingham Secondary School. |
| | 4. <u>Alice Marie</u> (1938) | married Duaine Nelson and they live in Tillsonburg. Alice is a nurse. |

Katie died suddenly after a short illness in November 1972; Humphrey continued living alone in the house until his death in December 1980. For a short time the house stood empty, then in the spring of 1981 was rented to Kevin and Janith McMillan, then in the spring of 1982, it was rented to Mike and Cindy Campbell, who moved to their new home on Lot 23, Concession 3, in May 1984. Ron and Shirley renovated the upstairs and moved here in the summer of 1984 when Wayne Campbell married Phyllis Johnson. They live in Ron's house.

South ½ Lot 24, Concession 2

Robert Fletcher.

Robert Fletcher married _____ McTavish.

Their family were :

John Fletcher married Jessie Campbell (April 10, 1865 -- December 29, 1888) who died age 24 years after the birth of their first child. Burial Cowal. Their son Robert (Dec. 1888 - 1970) married Maud and farmed near Dunville.

Second wife Carrie Talmon. Their family were :

Laura married

Norman married Nila Lucas, one daughter.

Dorothy married lives in Michigan.

Anne not married, lives in Detroit.

Margaret married No family.

Mary Fletcher married Peter Clarke and their family were Rosetta, Mary Jane, Annie, Margaret, Robert, James, John, Jessie, Harry, (see Lot A, Conc. 5 N. of A)

Catherine (Kate) married Robert Clarke, a farmer. They lived on the fourth concession where Timmermans now live. Their family :

Dougal married Jennie McCallum and lived on S¹/₂ Lot 13, the present home of Victor McMillan.

Robert married Etta Ada Smith. They had two children and lived in Brooke Township.

Alex married Bertha Willey and farmed in Dunwich.

Dannie died as an infant.

Christena married Thomas Gervis (see Lot 23, Conc. 5 N. of A, Robert March.)

Gordon died as an infant.

Arthur (1879 - 1908).

Catherine died as an infant.

John married Catherine Campbell and farmed in Saskatchewan. Their daughters, Alice and Margaret Clarke used to stay with their aunt, Margaret McTavish when they were in their teens. Their son, Stan married Agnes McCallum, daughter of John McCallum. They lived in St. Thomas and he was a plasterer. He is deceased and buried in Cowal Cemetery.

Margaret (1887 - 1934).

Annie Mae married Smith, Detroit. Their family : Edward, John, , Kate.

Effie married Robert Campbell, Alvinston.

Jessie married William Little in December, 1892. Their family were Gordon, Alice, and Robert, (see Lot 22, Conc. 3, William Little.)

Christena married Alex Smith. Their family were Alexander, Christena, Catherine, Annie, Milton, and Robert. (see Lot 17, Conc. 3, Alex Smith.)

When ^{John} Robert Fletcher died he left his farm to his son, Norman, who in turn sold it to Archie C. Campbell who left it to his two daughters Jennie (Mrs. Archie T. McCallum) and Mary (Mrs. Wm. A. McCallum.) Mary bought out Jennie's share in the early 30's. The house was dismantled, part becoming the back kitchen of William A. McCallum's house. The granary was moved to McCallum's

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and became a garage. The barn is still standing and is used to house cattle in the winter. The farm is cropped by the McCallum Brothers. In 1982 a row of thorn trees was cut down which ran along the lane from the road to the barn. Apparently an enterprising young man sold these "marvellous bushes with the beautiful flowers" to many of the neighbours and when they matured they were thorn bushes!

In 1983 several gullies were tiled and filled in with top soil in order to reclaim several acres of land.

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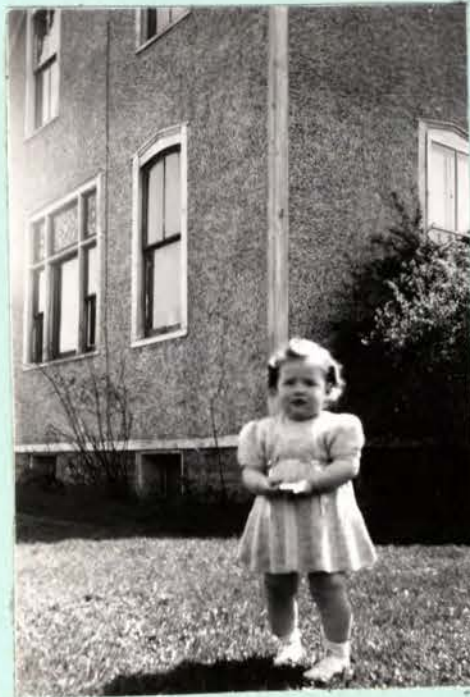


The Maple Bush



The Sugar Shanty

This farm was part of a parcel of land granted from the Crown to A. H. Brooking in 1798. In 1848 Mr. Brooking sold the land to Hon George Crookshank who in 1855 sold 600 acres of the parcel of land to Thos. Weldon. In 1867 Solomon McColl bought 200 acres from Thos. Weldon consisting of Lot 19, Con. 3, Dunwich Township. In 1882 Solomon McColl sold the Lot to Samuel McColl, who in 1901 sold the North half to Arch. C. Campbell. At this time part of the timber had been sold, but only a small field had been cleared for cultivation. The first building on this property was a barn put up by Arch. Campbell in 1906, and in 1912 a house was moved on to the farm from a mile away. It took ten days to move it. In 1913 Arch. Campbell sold the property to his son Robert who had married Jessie Gentleman and settled on the farm in 1912.



Corner of House
girl - Doreen Anderson
daughter of Cliff and Mary.

Mr. & Mrs Robt Campbell had three children who are now married and living in homes of their own. - William J. farming in North Dunwich, David R. a Professor at the Teacher's College, London, and Mary (Mrs Wray Irvine) on a farm near Fingal.

Robert Campbell passed away in 1962 and Mrs Campbell now resides with her son William J. who runs the farm. Mr & Mrs Jerry Kirschner, a grand daughter of Robert's now occupy the house.

This farm has been cleared and drained and has all been under cultivation with the exception of 10 acres of Maple bush in the North corner. A well was drilled at the barn, and a windmill erected in 1915, but this did not prove very satisfactory as quicksand would get in the pump and stop it. A large pond was dug in 1936. A drive shed was built in 1913. Delco was installed for lighting in 1923 and the house stuccoed in 1929. Maple Syrup was made on this farm every year from 1901 to 1950. A shanty was put up and an evaporator installed in later years. Many a loaf of home made bread and maple syrup as well as taffy and maple sugar were consumed by young and old through the years at the shanty.

In 1936 the young people in the community got together and made a skating rink in the creek that went through the sugar bush. A "shanty" was erected and a stove installed to provide warmth for the skaters while changing their skates. Many evenings of fun were had at this rink for a few winters.



1983 Update of North $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot 19 Conc. 3

After the death of Jessie Campbell , her granddaughter continued to live in the house. Pamela Campbell married Jerry Kirschner in 1961 at Cowal Church. Their family is Sherry born in 1962, Brenda born in 1964, Richard born 1966 and died as an infant, Garry born in 1967. In 1971 Jerry was killed in an accident while driving his car near West Lorne. Pam and the children lived in the house for a year until they moved to St,Thomas where Pam continued her nursing career. Bill Campbell severed the house and 10 acres , keeping the 90 acres until 1979 when he sold out to J. Donald Campbell.

The house and ten acres were sold to Mr, and Mrs. Tom Campbell and their three children. Tom was black. They stayed for a couple of years then sold to Paul and Eleanor Huysmans. They dug a pond at the front of the house because of the shortage of water. They moved to St. Thomas, selling to Bev Thibodeau, who sold it to David and Sharron Head. In 1978 Micheal and Sherry Wood bought the property. The barn was torn down and the house was remodelled. Mike works at the Ford Plant in Talbotville. Their young family is Catharine (Carrie) born August 3, 1973 and Angela (Angie) born December 3, 1975.

On July 13, 1899, William McCallum built a house on this property. Then in 1903, on August 26, he married Ellen Milton. Ellen died at the age of 23 years on February 24, 1904. In March of that year William gave up farming and went into the telephone business, retiring from Bell Canada. He leased his land to his brother John A., better known as Johnny Hugh.

John A. married Sarah McCallum (no relation) on December 21, 1898. This union produced seven sons and six daughters. One son Hugh T. died at the age of 7 years.

In 1912 John purchased his brother William's farm. In 1914 he moved his family there to lot 20 where 4 of the 13 children were born - Dan, Lloyd, Ewen, and Eleanor. John died in 1945 and in 1946 his eldest daughter, Ethyle (Mrs. Bruce Thomson) died. Another daughter, Agnes (Mrs. Stan Clark) died in 1984.

Ewen lived with his mother in the homestead until he sold it in 1950. Mrs. McCallum spent the rest of her time with her two daughters, Marion and Janet. She died in 1955. (See Lot 21, Conc 3, for McCallum history)

Humphrey Campbell bought this farm in 1950, then sold it to his son, Ronald in 1953. Ron married Shirley (Brown), a nurse from London, in 1953, and they had a family of six children, who are:

- Susan Doreen born in 1954, married to William Mellis of Alvinston, have two sons.
- Shirley Diane born in 1955, married Duncan Carter, has one daughter.
- Robert Humphrey born in 1957, killed in a train-truck accident in 1980.
- Janice Marie born in 1959, still living at home.
- Dorothy Elaine born in 1961, married Rob Garbutt, has one son, lives in Edmonton.
- Catherine Pauline born in 1964, living in Harriston, and is to be married in September, 1984.

Pauline married Peter Donaldson on September 22, 1984.

In the summer of 1984 Ron and Shirley moved to his father's homestead on lot 20, South 1/2, Concession 2. That same summer Wayne Campbell, third son of Donald and Shirley (Milligan), married Phyllis Johnson and moved into Ron's house. Wayne is in partnership with his Uncle Ron in the dairy business.

1992 UPDATE

Wayne and Phyllis Campbell stayed here for a couple of years then moved to her parents' farm near Strathroy, Lot 12, Concession 14, Metcalfe Township. They set up a dairy herd there.

Their family: Andrew Wayne born 8 October, 1985
Tyler Alexander born 2 November, 1987
Adam Mack born 17 March, 1989
Sarah Anne born 24 December, 1990

Dennis and Dawn (Douglas) and two children rented the house for a year. Then Pauline Campbell and her husband, Peter Donaldson, bought the farm from her father Ron and set up a dairy herd. Pauline works in St. Thomas at the Police Headquarters there.

Their family: Lisa Diane born 1 July, 1988
Tracy Ellen born 27 December, 1989