

Lot 21, Concession 3, Township of Dunwich.

McCallum - Campbell Farm.

About the year 1836 from Inverness in the Scottish Highlands, there came to Canada John Cattanach, his wife and family. Their two year old daughter Barbara played during the voyage with a young boy, Hugh McCallum, whose family were emigrating from Argyleshire, Scotland. Later during the voyage Barbara developed measles, and had she died at sea, this account, as such, would never have been written.

The McCallum family settled near what is now Belmont, in North Dorchester Township, a few miles from London, while the Cattanach family obtained land near Port Stanley. Hugh became a "Joiner", or carpenter, and his ability in this work may still be seen in the structure of a number of houses in the Cowal district. Most of these have been remodelled in our time.

Probably in the pursuit of his occupation, for he did work on the construction of the Col. Talbot home in Port Talbot, Hugh again met Barbara. Be that as it may they were married on 13th July 1865.

The preceding year a farm was bought, - Lot 21, Concession 3, North Dunwich, opposite Number 9 School. Here they raised a family of four boys, - Duncan H., John A., Daniel H., and William, the latter two being twin sons.

In 1884 a farm Lot 18, Con 2 was bought and Duncan H. on his marriage to Amy Milton went there to live.

Hugh McCallum died suddenly October 15th 1894 after a few hours illness. He was in his 66th year. His wife kept the home until her three remaining sons married. In 1898 Lot 18 Concession 1 was purchased for Daniel H. where he moved with his bride Mary Milton. Lot 20, Concession 3 was purchased for William on his marriage to Ellen Milton.



Duncan H., William,
John A., Daniel H.

John A. married Sarah McCallum (no relation) on 21st December 1898 and settled on the home farm. Barbara then spent her time living with each of her three sons Duncan, John and Daniel until her death on 25th March 1925 at the home of her son Daniel where she had been an invalid for 2½ years.

John A. and Sarah McCallum had seven sons and six daughters. Their home was saddened by the passing of their eldest son Hugh T. at the age of seven years.

In 1912 John purchased his brother William's farm that adjoined his own. Here he moved his family in 1914 where five of his thirteen children were born.

John passed away in 1945 and a year later their eldest daughter Barbara Ethyle (Mrs Bruce Thomson) died. Their six sons were in the service of their country. On their return the two farms were sold. Lot 21 Con. 3 was purchased by Angus Campbell.



Barbara McCallum
at age 90

The first home was a log house built on the banks of the creek. Mr. McCallum built a new frame house for his family on the same plan he used to construct several of the other homes in the neighborhood. This house was built near the road. It was left vacant when John A. moved his family to the large brick house on the farm purchased from his brother. During the 2nd World War when houses were scarce, the

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house was moved to Dutton, remodeled and is now owned and lived in by Mr. and Mrs. Donald Forsyth, Mrs. Forsyth being Marion McCallum, a grand daughter of the original builder. Sarah McCallum died in 1955 at the age of 75 years.



The Forsyth Home

The rest of the McCallum family is as follows:

Janet (Mrs. Garfield Stride) St. Thomas,
 Ina (Mrs. Bud Hudson) Gross Point Shores, Michigan,
 Gilbert J., Talbotville,
 Marion (Mrs. Donald Forsyth) Dutton,
 Agnes (Mrs. Stanley Clark) St. Thomas, deceased April 18, 1984,
 John Cattanach (J.C.) Roche's Point,
 James Alexander, London,
 Daniel Duncan, Hamilton,
 Lloyd Laurier, London,
 Eleanor (Mrs. Donald Branchflower) Glencoe,
 F. Ewen, Delaware.

Update 1984.

North 1/2, Lot 23, Concession 3.

By Mrs. M. McTavish

Nancy McLaren

John McTavish and his wife ^{Jane McNichol} came to Canada in the year 1842. The sons, who were married in Scotland then were John McTavish, who married Jane McNichol. She was the first person to be buried in Cowal Cemetery. Archibald McTavish, who was married in this country to Ann Gillies, settled on Lot 23, North Half, Concession 3. Their family consisted of three sons and four daughters. Duncan was the eldest, - John and Dougal the youngest. The daughters were, Jane, Ann, Mary and Lily.

Dougal married Margaret Campbell in 1902. In 1911 the barn was remodelled and is still in good condition.

In 1913 Dougal died after taking treatment in the Mayo Hospital, Minn. His wife remained on the farm with her brother John M. Campbell who bought the farm in 1917. During those years the house was repaired. A furnace, and running water and a bath were installed.

A cement garage was built by John who kept a car and continued to drive it until 1950 when he gave up driving and retired from farming. He continued to live on the farm until 1953 when he passed away suddenly on the 4th February.

A niece, Alice Clark, came from the West to live with John and Margaret. She graduated from High School and trained for a nurse.

A sister, Mary Crawford, whose husband had passed away, lived with John and Margaret for three years prior to John's death.

After the sisters were left alone, a brother, Willie, stayed with them until he was taken ill and passed away on 11th April 1957. The two sisters then sold the McTavish farm to Donald Campbell and bought a home in Dutton.

J. Donald Campbell, son of Humphrey Campbell, married Shirley Milligan in 1956 and settled on this farm.

They have five children, - Michael, Steven, Joan, Wayne, and Carol.

Dairying and poultry were the main industries for several years, but in 1966 the barn was renovated and converted to a hog barn.

In 1961 the gully was dammed to create a large pond in order to provide water for the livestock.

In 1965 the Imperial Oil Company drilled for oil on this farm and this well is now producing steadily in 1967.

North ½ Lot 23, Concession 3

J. Donald Campbell

written by Shirley Campbell

In 1965 the kitchen was renovated with new cupboards being installed. In 1974 the summer kitchen was remodeled into a family room with a downstairs bathroom being added. The side porch was enclosed.

In 1973 a steel implement shed was built. Two silos were erected, one in 1960, the other one in 1979. A hog finishing barn was built in 1979. In 1982 the old implement shed was extended a few feet, a new roof added and steel siding put on, to make a modern farrowing barn.

Mike Campbell married Cindy Thomson, West Lorne, in 1982. They started their new red brick house on Lot 23, Concession 3 in August, 1983. Mike farms with his parents. In March 1984 Mike and Cindy bought the farm from Don and Shirley.

Don and Shirley's family are:

Steven who married Helen Micks on September 15, 1979. They have three sons Jason, Darrell, and Bradley.

Michael married Cindy Thomson on November 6, 1982.

Wayne farms with his uncle, Ron Campbell, who has one of the few dairy herds in this area.

Joan is a secretary at Quality Swine Co-Op at Shedden. She lives at home.

Carol is a student at West Elgin Secondary school where she is in her last year.

Update, March 1984.



The home of Donald and Shirley Campbell, taken one frosty morning in 1978, is situated on the Cowal Sideroad.

Joan Campbell married Alfred James William (Alf) McRae on 12 August, 1989 at Chalmers United Church, Cowal. They live on his farm near Petrolia. a son, Matthew William was born 12 September, 1991.

Don and Mike built a sugar shanty on Don's farm in 1992 and they made syrup there in the spring.



Home of Michael and Cindy Campbell

This red brick house was built by Mike and Cindy Campbell in 1983-4 on Lot 23, Concession 3, with most of the construction being done by themselves. They moved into the house in May, 1984.

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Mike and Cindy's family are : Justina Nicole born 4 September, 1985
Scott Michael born 24 July, 1987.

North ½ Lot 24 Concession 3Peter McBride

Peter McBride and his wife Nancy McCallum came from Cowal district in Scotland about 1834. Their small family of seven children were with them when they came by sailboat to Canada. They landed at Port Stanley and hauled their supplies by oxen to Dunwich.

When the family of Ebenezer Anderson was moving from Port Stanley, they got stuck on the Cemetary hill on the 5th concession. Mr. Anderson went to the home of John McCallum who lived on the Townline between the 4th and 5th concession, for help. Their young daughter ^{Catherine} was the only one home so she put the yoke on the oxen. They gave the extra pull that was needed to pull the load up the huge hill. This made an everlasting friendship between Catherine and Mrs. Anderson. John McCallum gave the land for the Cowal Cemetary that was opened in 1854.

Donald McBride, son of Peter McBride, married Catherine McCallum and they lived on the Cowal sideroad Lot 24, conc. 3. Their family were Annie, Peter, Lizzie, Hugh, Jane, Donald, and Jim and Nancy.

Nancy died as a youngster.
Only two of the family married.

Lizzie married William Whitelock and their family was:

Eva died as a young child, Catherine, Lena, Archie (married Edna Nott), Elizabeth (married a Coulter), Nelson (married Mary Isabel Graham), William, and Peter (married Janie Green), and Mabel (married Cesford Lunn) (See Lot 18 Conc. 3, Whitelock)

Jane married D.A. McNabb.

Their neice Mrs. R.D. Campbell (Marion) stayed with them several years when she was a youngster, moving there when she was four years old.

Kate McBride kept house for many years for her three bachelor brothers Donald, who was called Dan, Jim and Hugh. A cousin from Scotland, Catherine Livingstone, moved in with the family when Kate was in ailing health. They are all deceased.

This farm was willed to Peter Whitelock, then this farm was sold to Mr. Rooyakers, then to Russell and Grace Campbell. Terry Bogart, his wife Brenda and two children, Wesley and Andrea live in the house. Terry works for Russell and looks after the swine operation. The house has been remodelled.

Compiled in 1983.



McBride's House



The McBride's

Back Row Hugh McBride, Dan McBride,
Morage Livingston, Catherine
McBride
Front Row Peter McBride, Mrs. John
Livingston, Jim McBride.



Dan McBride with his mare,
Jennie.



Mrs. Donald McBride.

This picture shows Mrs. Donald McBride, the former Catherine McCallum, in her widow's veil. Her husband died when he was 58 years old, leaving her with eight children, four boys and four girls.

Picture courtesy of Mrs. Nelson Whitelock.



The farm as it appeared in 1983, from the air.

Lot A North, Concession 3

Archie A. McTavish

Archie A. McTavish (A brother of John McTavish Lot 22, Conc.4) came from Scotland.

He married ~~Jane~~ McLarty. He was called Archie A. because of the lot number A on his farm and to distinguish him from his son.

Their family were:

Archie married Martha Goulder who was an Indian. They lived where Ross Campbell lives. Martha left Archie and went to Toronto where she was a dressmaker and went by the name of Madame Deleary. No family.

~~Mary~~ married Daniel Patterson family:
Mike Patterson married Eva Lodge, no family.
Sarah Patterson married Sam Campbell, no family.

Margaret (Maggie) married John D. Blue, editor of the Dutton Advance. Their son Archie married Alice Gifford and they had three children.

Jane married Duncan Stalker, Dunwich and they had seven children. Mrs. Cyril Marsh (Jean) is a granddaughter.

Isabelle married Peter Carruth. She died when she was young and had no family.

McBride Brothers bought the farm from the McTavishes. Later it was bought by Russell and Grace Campbell. In 1982 they tore the barn down and there are no buildings on this property now. Corn and Soybeans are grown on the land.

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Lot B, Concession 3James Reeves

John McFarlane purchased this 100 acre farm from the Crown. Around 1900 Peter Carruth was renting this farm and by 1907 he owned it.

Peter Carruth married Isabelle McTavish and they had no family. After Isabelle died, he married her first cousin, Christena McTavish. They had two daughters, Florence and Emma Christena (Mrs. J.A. Patterson). When Tena was just a few days old, her mother Chistena died suddenly from heart failure. The Battin family took Tena into their home in Middlemiss where she was raised. Florence, four years old, remained with her father on the farm and attended no. 9 school, Cowal. After her father's death, Florence lived with the Battin's, too, and worked in a store in Melbourne. She died in 1926, age 26, from pneumonia. Peter Carruth died at the age of 59 years.

In 1919 John Carroll bought the farm and in 1933 his son Mac and his wife Nellie took it over. Mac and Nellie had two children, Catherine (Mrs. Dean Bogart) and William. After the war, the Carrolls sold out and moved to Southwold.

A young couple from Highgate, Walter and Agnes Gosnell, bought the farm from the Carrolls. Several of their children were born here, then they bought the Gordon Murray farm (see Lot 24, Conc. 2).

Wilbur Waucaush lived here for several years, then John Peter, followed by Mr. and Mrs. Reimers and their young family. They remodelled the house and put cream coloured siding with brown trim and shutters on the outside, making a very attractive home.

In 1976 James and Marilyn Reeves bought the property. Corn and soybeans are the main crops grown. Jim maintains a herd of goats.

Their family is:

Jeffery who is attending Fanshawe College where he is studying accounting.

Donna who is studing at Western University.

John a student at West Elgin Secondary School.

Murray a student at West Elgin Secondary School.

Marilyn has taught for many years on the Indian Reserve.

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1992 UPDATE

Jeff Reeves married Jo Anna Ross on 21 October, 1989 in London. They live in London where Jeff is an accountant.

Donna Reeves married Scott Millard on 28 April, 1990. Donna is a librarian and they live in Oakville.

In September, 199D Marilyn went to St. Thomas to teach elementary school after teaching many years on the Indian Reservation.



Mr. & Mrs John Carroll
at their home Lot C. Con. 3, Dunwich.

John Carroll was the eldest son of Arthur Carroll and his wife Lydia Ann Little. He was born in 1847 near the village of Aughnacloy, county of Tyrone, Ireland. Arthur died in Ireland and his wife came to Canada and died in 1906 at John's home at the hill. Interment was in Cowal cemetery.

John came to Canada in 1867 and spent some time in the Jarvis district with an uncle. After working for farmers in that district for several years he came to Port Stanley with his brother William and they were employed loading and unloading lake boats. Finally they bought in partnership the bush farm, North $\frac{1}{2}$, Lot 24, Township of Dunwich. Both young pioneer bachelors cut and hauled wood each winter.

In 1878 they traded the Cowal farm for the farm at the top of the river hill (Lot C. Con. 3 Dunwich) and the river flats North in Ekfrid Township.

In 1879 John married Catherine Campbell of Ekfrid and lived at the hill farm that summer, moving to the Arkel place (Lot B, Con. 3, Dunwich) in the fall of 1879. This was a rented farm. They lived there until 1886 when, with their four children they moved to the river hill farm.

Originally this farm contained about forty acres in Dunwich and was purchased from McDougall & . A house was on this property and the brick house, which still stands was built in 1902. John McCormick of Lawrence Station did the carpenter work and Nathan Beach of Middlemiss the brick work. The barn was there but the implement shed and stable were built in 1888. The silo was built by Joseph Watson of Frome in 1908.

In 1906 the Dunwich - Southwold telephone line was installed. Hydro was put in the house in 1946 and a bathroom the same year.

In 1895 John Carroll purchased the North East half of the North West half of Lot 21, 5th Concession, North of Concession A from David Carroll containing 50 acres for \$1,550.00.

In 1904 he purchased the Coulter place (South half of Lot 21, Concession 5, Dunwich) from James Ross for \$2,800.00 containing 100 acres.

In 1906, Lot C on the Southwold - Dunwich townline was purchased from Bray McLellan for \$1,500.00.

In 1919 the Carruth place (Lot B, Concession 3 Dunwich) was purchased containing 99 acres.

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JEAN JOHN A. FLORENCE DR. ROBERT
 ARTHUR MRS. JOHN CARROLL JOHN CARROLL WILLIAM
 LEONARD E. MAC

1983 Update

Murray and Marion Harries bought the farm in 1956. Murray farms the land with the help of his son Wayne. Murray works for T.C.G. Material, Riverside Construction, in London. Marion is a teacher and has taught mostly in Middlesex County where she is presently teaching in Glencoe half time and Newbury half time. The 3rd concession ran between the house and the barn but today is their laneway since the new bridge was built at the Deadfall Hill, with the road now running behind the barn. In 1982 a new porch was added to the house.

Murray Harries married Marion Baker.

Their family is:

Wayne born April 5, 1959- married Debbie Lenvay, Lawrence Station, on October 11, 1980. Their house is situated across the road on Lot C, Conc. 3 and was built in 1980. Wayne works for the same company as his father. Debbie works for Emblamatic Pins in Rodney.

Dwayne born December 11, 1959 (adopted) lives in the West.

Beth born July 30, 1963 (adopted) is presently a student.

1992 UPDATE

Marion Harries retired from teaching in 1985 and Murray retired in the spring of 1988. They enjoy travelling to Florida and various places in their motorhome.

Wayne and Debbie Harries have a son Joseph Mewman "Joey" born on 18 April, 1986. In 1991 and 92 they put an addition to their home.

Beth Harries moved out west and married Carlos Mullis. They have a daughter, Cherilyn, born 9 April, 1991.

West ½, Lot 17, Concession 3.

Known as the Alex Smith Farm

This farm was first owned by Mr. Neil McPhedran who sold it to John McMillan.

Robert Fletcher was the next owner, and while he owned it, Mr. Alex Smith started a Tile and Brick Yard about half way back from the road.

Later, around 1883, Mr Smith bought the farm and continued to operate the Tile and Brick Industry until about 1935.

In later years he was assisted by his son Milton. Mr Smith erected a white brick house, a barn and a stable. The barn and stable, which were built in 1898, were burned during an electric storm in 1945.

In 1950 the farm was sold to John H. Miller, who dismantled the house and used the material to build a house on the Currie Road near Dutton. He then sold the farm to R. D. Campbell, and it is now used as a pasture farm.

Mr Smith was married to Christina Fletcher, daughter of Robert Fletcher. They had three sons and three daughters. Alexander and Christina died in infancy; Catherine at the age of four years. Robert was killed in action in 1918, during World War I. Milton passed away at his farm at Iona Station in 1952. Anne Smith, the remaining member of the family, resides in St. Thomas. Mr and Mrs Smith and family were the only persons who resided on this farm.

Update 1983

In recent years this farm has rotated between pasture land and corn and soyabeans and hay. Marion Campbell (Mrs. R.D. Campbell) sold this property to her son Jamey in 1983.

In 1850 David Bennett and his wife immigrated to Canada from Scotland, landing at Port Stanley. He and Angus McCallum went to London and bought their farms on Lot 18, Concession 4, Mr. McCallum taking the north half and Mr. Bennett the south half (which was later owned by the Leitch family and still is in 1984).

To David Bennet and his wife three sons and three daughters were born. This couple celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

When their son, James, married Katherine (Kate) McCallum, the young couple moved to Lot 17 and Part Lot 18, Concession 3. Jim was a carpenter and was involved in building many of the homes and barns, as well as bridges, in Dunwich Township for several years. He was also engaged in farming. In 1898, he and his brother - in - law, Duncan McCallum, were cutting timber in Bennett's woods for a new barn he intended to build in the spring, when unexpectedly a black ash tree fell, sticking Jim Bennett on the head. He was knocked unconscious and in the morning passed away. He left to survive him his wife of just over a year and a small son, David. Several months later James (Jim) was born. He also had two brothers, David of Dunwich, and John of Detroit and three sisters, Mrs. Ebenezer (Annie) Anderson, Mrs. McMullen, Enneskillen and Mrs. John McLean, Detroit. He was just 30 years old and had just made the last payment on his farm a few days before this tragic event.

After the untimely death of her husband, Kate Bennett went to live with her mother, Mrs. Gilbert McCallum, in Cowal. For a time the Cowal Post Office was located in their home.

When David and Jim were in their twenties, they and their mother moved back to the farm. However the First World War broke out and Jim joined the R.F.C. and served overseas. During the Second World War he was a flying instructor in Canada. He owned a garage and the Ford dealership in Dutton. (He died in 1964, age 66).

David continued farming and for several years operated a farm machinery business in Dutton. For many years he also had a grain threshing machine and did custom work for the farmers in the township.

David Bennett married Florence (Flossie) Murray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Angus Murray, on December 6, 1924, and 50 years later, in 1974, they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

To this union four daughters were born:

- Catherine 1925 - 1983, June 9, 58 years,
- Marjorie 1927 - 1983, July 23, 56 years, married Joe Brown, Dutton,
- Dorothy married Ray Clarke, Glencoe,
- Gladys married Tom Brohmon, Kitchener.

David Bennett died August 14, 1975, in his 80th year with interment in Cowal Cemetery. Flossie is a resident at the Bobier Convalescent Home.

David Clarke, son of Dorothy and Ray Clarke, now owns his grandfather's farm. He married Mary Lou Arnold in June, 1984.

1992 UPDATE

Flossie Bennett passed away on 11 January, 1986, in her 89th year. She is buried in Cowal-McBrides Cemetery.

Dave and Mary Lou Clarke moved to the Bennett farm. Dave is a cattle buyer as was Mary Lou until the birth of their son. Mary Lou has a herd of goats and is keenly interested in the agriculture industry.

- Their family: Angela Lynne born 17 March, 1986
- David Raymond James "David" born 14 May, 1990.

Mabel married Cessford Lunn, St Thomas. They have two daughters. They farmed in South Dunwich, retiring in St. Thomas.

Peter born 1905 and died June 15, 1983.
He married Jean Green and they lived in Woodstock. Following Peter's death, Jean went to reside in the Bobier Home. She passed away November 23, 1984, at the age of 75. Interment Cowal Cemetery.

After William went to live in the Bobier Home, no one has lived in the house. The farm is rented by Jim Reeves.

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March, 1985 This 50 acres was purchased by Bruce Murray, London. Bruce is a son of Robert and Vera Murray and grew up in Cowal. Bruce intends to renovate the house, maintaining the original architecture as much as possible.

1992 UPDATE

William Whitelock continued to reside at the Bobier Home until his death on 10 March, 1988. He was 91 years of age and is buried at Cowal-McBrides.

After purchasing the farm Bruce Muray cleaned up the yard, painted the trim on the house and built a wooden fence along the lane, greatly improving the appearance of the farm. In 1991 he sold out to Owaen Wills, London.