

South 1/2 Lot 19, & West 1/4 Lot 20, Concession 3.

Owned by Mrs Marion and Jamey Campbell.



1935



1966

Lot 19, Concession 3 was first purchased from the Crown in 1798 by a Mr Arthur Brooking. In 1844 Hon. George Crookshanks purchased the property for 5 Pounds Sterling, and sold it in 1860 to Thomas Weldon for \$1,500.00. In 1867 Solomon McColl bought the land, and his wife and descendants sold to Samuel McColl in 1882. A brother, Hugh McColl lived on Lot 18, Concession 3, now owned by Whitelock Bros., and it was he who built the first house (~~er~~ built the first house) on this farm on a site near where the barn now stands. A small barn was erected North of the house. A row of elms stood to the East and North of the buildings. In the 1880's Mr and Mrs Dugald J. Campbell rented the farm, and here three of their children were born, - Douglas, Annie and George McLellan, (Kelly). With Mr Samuel McColl, who was unmarried, lived a sister, Mery, and several nieces and nephews. Some of these were Hiram Shaw, who married Margaret McRae and moved to the West; Flo Shaw, who was the late Mrs Ardah McCallum of Iona Station, and Carrie Shaw, who was unmarried. Also living with them were Annie McColl, who later lived in Dutton, Bertie McColl, who was the late Mrs Cantelon of Dutton, and Mary McColl who married John McCallum of Iona Station.

At one time when the farm was all woods, a Mr Camerony from Glengarry lived in a shack at the South West corner of the property. He "hired out" making square timber for several years.

In 1906 Dugald C. Cambell, who lived on North 1/2, Lot 22, Concession 2 purchased one hundred acres of the South half of the Lot 19. In 1908 he built the present 40' X 70' barn and in 1915 the present red brick house was erected. The following year (1916) Mr Campbell and his wife, who was Margaret Eaton, and his four sons Alex, Robert D., James C., and J. Philip moved to their new home. John Campbell, a brother of Dugald, resided with the family until his death in 1928.

In 1917 the drive barn was built, and shortly after, the silo and shed were erected. In the same year the family purchased their first motor car which was a Model T Ford.

In 1918 the eldest son Alex went West to Sask. to live, and later married Stella Lacham and settled near Elrose, Sask. James C. married Ruby Cornell in 1928 and settled on the Thomson farm adjacent to the home farm. Philip married Agnes Jean McCallum in 1929 and moved to his present home on Lot 22 Concession 2. Robert D. married Marion McNabb in 1939 and lived on the farm until his death in 1960. They had one daughter Patricia, (Mrs Claire Oldham Lawrence Station) and one son James A., who now runs the farm. Robert D. (R.D.)

Jamey

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took an active part in community affairs. He served on the Dunwich Council for several years, being deputy Reeve in 1945 and Reeve in 1946 and 1947. He also was a trustee of the Bobier Convalescent Home at Dutton and a member of the Board of Trustees of Cowal Cemetery.

Mr. Dugald Campbell passed away in 1930, and Mrs Campbell in 1935.

The timber was pretty well cleared off the land when it was purchased by the Campbells, but considerable "breaking" of the land and tiling was done by the family. The farm is mostly workable land with a small wooded lot on the North East Corner. Fifty acres of Lot 20 was added to the farm in 1928 being purchased from Bruce Thomson. Mixed farming has been carried on over the years with a tendency toward more acreage in cash crops (corn and beans) the last few years. Beef cattle was always a major project on this farm, each winter finding the barn filled to capacity with livestock. Hogs and sheep were also raised each year.



Mr. & Mrs Dugald C. Campbell

Water has sometimes been a problem on the farm in dry years. A pond was dug North of the present barn when it was built, and later a large well at the West corner. A pipe from the well connected with a pump at the South East corner of the barn, which served to water the horses. This year, (1965) a pond, 140' X 80' X 12' has been dug and the water piped to the barn where heated water bowls make water available to the livestock at all times. A Delco Plant provided lighting for house and barns until Hydro replaced it in 1938. When remodelling the house, large heavy wiring of the Delco system was found in the partitions. A bathroom was installed in the house when it was built. Pressure for the water system was pumped by hand until an electric pump was installed in 1942. The porches were closed in, in 1939, and the wood and coal furnace was replaced by an oil furnace in 1954.

The taxes in 1965 for the 150 acres were \$491.74.



In December 1976, Jamey Campbell married Geraldine Miller in New Plymouth, New Zealand. Geraldine was raised on a farm in Uruti, Taranaki, New Zealand and taught school prior to her marriage. At that time Jamey's mother, Marion, moved to Lawrence Station to live.

In the summer of 1977 major renovations wer undertaken to the house. A modern kitchen was installed where the den had been located and the former kitchen and pantry were converted into a family room and bathroom.

In 1983 the second phase of the renovation programme was completed. A new forced air heating, air conditioning furnace replaced the hot water system throughout the house. New windows and doors were replaced on the north side and west side of the house. A deck was added at the rear and the outside walls completely insulated.

When Jamey became a full time accountant in Ridgetown in 1979, the active farming was done by his cousins, Russell and Stan Campbell. This situation continued after Jamey transfered to the position of Clerk-Treasurer of the Township of Howard in 1983.

The next generation of Campbell's living on this farm came on 22 July, 1982 when 2 1/2 year old Trevor John came from Korea to become the adopted son of Jamey and Geraldine. Trevor was born on 8 January. 1980.

UPDATE 1983

On 2 November, 1984, a second son, Robert Alexander (Robbie) arrived from Korea. He was born 21 February. 1983.

On 11 June, 1986 a daughter arrived from Korea named Mary-Anne Ruth. Mary-Anne's birthday is 1 May, 1981

On the 4th of August, 1987 Jamey and Geraldine and three children moved to Ridgetown where they purchased a house with a swimming pool.

1992 UPDATE

Stanley Campbell, son of Russell and Grace Campbell, married Lori Christine Jeffery on 18 July, 1987 at Cowal United Church and they moved into the original Campbell family home. The original farm was purchased from Jamey and Geraldine in the spring of 1987. The house was redecorated and the multi-level patio was changed it one level and a railing installed. The sunporch was removed and a new one erected in 1989. The new one is 12 feet wide as opposed to the old one at 6 feet wide, also a new back entry was built in 1991. It had been removed while Jamey lived in the house. New windows were installed throughout the house from 1988-1990. A well was drilled in 1990 and serves both the house farm and the feedlot on the McNabb farm. Water was found at 218 feet. A back yard fence was removed as well as the rose hedge on the west side of the lawn.

Children of Stan and Lori: Sandra Christine "Sandy" born 8 December, 1987
Caren Lori born 15 May, 1989
John Stanley James born 18 September, 1990
Jacob Russell born 12 March, 1992 "Jake"

by James C. Campbell



I have been asked to write a history of our farm, and I will try and give the information that I have. Through the cooperation of the late Tena Thomson, I was able to get the names of the past owners.

The South half of lots 20 - 21, Concession 3, Dunwich; - a patent was granted by the Crown to the Canada Company 19th September 1838. In 1850 the land was bought by Robert (McTavish) later called Thomson, from Argyleshire Scotland. This deed was registered in 1863, and in 1882 was given to his son Duncan R. Thomson, who married Annie Love, and their family Archibald Bruce, Christena, and Marguerite spent their childhood here. In 1924 the farm was willed to A. Bruce Thomson by his father. After both Mr. & Mrs. Duncan R. Thomson passed away, Bruce offered the farm for sale, and my father, Dugald C. Campbell, living on the lot next to it bought the 200 acres in June 1928. I now own 150 acres of this farm.

Bruce Thomson (who had married Ethel McCallum, daughter of John A. McCallum in 1924) moved to a farm on Shakelton Street when he sold this farm and later established a machine shop in Dutton. He was manager of the shop until his death in 1963.

Christena (Tena) taught school in Windsor, Ontario for many years before retiring in 1957. She then moved to Dutton where she lived until her death in 1965. Marguerite, the surviving member of the family resides in Calgary, Alta.

The year 1928 was a very special one for me. At the first of the year a good neighbour advised me to take the job of fire insurance agent for the Dunwich Mutual Company, which I have been doing ever since. But what contributed to my happy future more than anything else, - Ruby Cornell (who had taught in our school) and I were married on 24th October 1928. We remodelled the old house, which I learn was built in 1859, and moved here on 1st February 1929. We have a family of three girls and two boys - Tena, now Mrs Grant Calwell, Glencoe, Rose Marie, now Mrs Aubrey McCallum, Ailsa Craig, J. Russell living on second farm from home, Margaret Jane, now Mrs Alex McCallum, Iona Station, and Keith at home. I often wonder how we were so fortunate that our ancestors came to the woods in this finest part of Ontario. Of course by the time we got this farm it was cleared and we knew it was good land. In 1928 we paid \$15,000.00 for the 200 acres. We bought land by putting a mortgage on it and tried to pay it off as quickly as we could. We did not have income tax etc to contend with for a few years, though it is hard to imagine how we got along for the next ten years of depression.

The history of barns on this farm was rather grim, two barns having been burned in the early years. Thomsons had rebuilt a barn 46 x 96 feet possibly in the 1890's, and it still stands. It has a stone basemnet and is now roofed with steel. This has always been a beef cattle farm and we now keep beef steers and hogs. There has been great fluctuations in cattle prices. In 1929 I sold cattle for 8 cents, 1933 for 3 cents, they are now about 27 cents a lb.

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South East 1/4, Lot 20 & South 1/2 Lot 21. (Continued)

The history of water is most interesting. Up to about 1912 the Thomsons were very scarce of water, but Duncan R. Thomson had a well drilled at that time, and it has been one of the best wells in the district. It was originally pumped by gas engine, but in 1938 we got Hydro and put in a new pump which is one of our greatest assets.

We have always had the telephone since about 1910 I believe. This was the Dutton & Dunwich system until 1965 when the Dial system with the Bell Telephone Company was installed. We put in a bathroom and wood furnace when we remodelled the house in 1928.

Our main crops have been feed for stock with some wheat or beans as cash crops. We have never had exceptional yields or records. We have a wood lot which was sold in 1939, and we have let the young growth grow up since that time. Now the elm have all died.

We do not seem to have any antiques of interest. We have changed implements as the times have changed, - we bought our first tractor in 1946, Russ drove it home when he was 11 years old. Now the boys have bigger tractors and machinery.

We have added some to our original farm. In the 1940's land was low in price and we bought a 200 acre farm for \$6,500.00. In 1958 Russell paid \$11,000.00 for a 100 acre farm, and now in 1966 our boys are paying \$60,000.00 for a good 200 acres, - so land values are very high.

Our taxes, county and school rates have gone up very fast in the last few years. In 1946 the taxes were \$130.79 on 150 acres, - in 1965, - \$437.03.

We named our farm Brooklane Farm, I guess because there is a small brook which runs across our lane.

This year (1966) our son Keith has built a 24' X 80' Silo, and is building a feed lot for 200 cattle on this farm.



South East $\frac{1}{4}$, Lot 20 and South $\frac{1}{2}$, Lot 21, Conc. 3

Update in 1984,
by Pat Campbell.

In 1967, Keith purchased the farm from his father and engaged himself in operating a beef feedlot on the farm with newly erected manger, yard and silos.

On August 5th 1967, Keith and Pat (nee Humphries) were married in the West Lorne Baptist Church in West Lorne, where they are both members.

Prior to August, Jim and Ruby moved across the yard to a mobile home, which was set up on the home farm. Many renovating changes were done to the house before the wedding in August.

Keith and Pat's first daughter, Rhonda Lynn was born on January 18th 1970, weighing 3 lbs. 14 oz. She was tiny but oh how she grew as the years progressed.

Paula Lee, a sister for Rhonda, was born on March 12, 1973. Paula and Rhonda complete the family of Keith and Pat.

One of the first changes to the buildings on the farm, was in July of 1974, when white vinyl siding was put on the house to cover the previous stucco cover.

A new machine shed and implement shed was erected, along with a new pole barn. The pole barn was erected west of the house to contain Murray Grey cattle which were imported from Australia.

One of the worst storms was experienced on January 26, 1978, when we saw the force of exceedingly high winds do much damage to the surrounding area, including lifting a major part of the barn roof. What a mess! Debris could be found for miles, fortunately no cattle were lost. The next month saw the remaining part of the barn roof removed by a crane and on February 23rd, with the help of many kind neighbours and friends, the new slightly altered roof was laid. The finishing touch of a new steel roof on March 6, put an end to the aftermath of the storm.

Jim and Ruby celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at Cowal Hall in October of 1978, with many friends and relatives extending best wishes.

Jim celebrated his 80th birthday on January 28th, 1980 at a party at Keith and Pat's. A few close neighbours and friends and relatives attended a dinner and expressed birthday greetings.

In April of 1982, Keith became Secretary-Manager-Fieldman of the Ontario Limousin Association. He travels the province of Ontario, along with operating his farm at Cowal.

In October of 1984, Jim became ill and moved to the Bobier Home in Dutton for special care. Ruby remained in her home on the farm.

From 1967 to the present, the usual changes were experienced with the addition of tile, erecting new fences, new feedlot walls, grain bin and bunker silo to the farm. Additional cattle were purchased in 1980, when a herd of Limousin were included in the farming operation.

The Thomson farm of bygone years is going strong.

The Thomson Family

Duncan R. Thomson married Annie Love and their family were:

A. Bruce He farmed for a number of years on the home farm where he was born (Lot 20 & 21, Conc. 3), then sold to Dugald C. Campbell. He then owned and operated Thomson's Sales and Service Farm Equipment in Dutton, which he ran for 22 years. He was Secretary-Treasurer of Dunwich Farmers' Co-Op. He passed away January 16, 1963, at the age of 70 years. Interment was in Cowal Cemetery. His wife, Ethyle (McCallum) predeceased him in 1946.

Christena Tena Thomson was an art teacher in Windsor, receiving her advanced studies in art from Queen's University, Kingston, Port Hope, and the Ontario College of Art, Toronto. She retired in 1957 and resided with her brother, Bruce. She passed away March 22, 1964, with interment in Cowal Cemetery. *Never married.*

Marguerite

For many years she lived in Alberta, mostly in Calgary where she was a commercial artist. When she retired she moved to Edmonton where she passed away 25 September, 1984. Marguerite never married. She is buried in Cowal-McBride's Cemetery.

1992 UPDATE

James C. Campbell passed away 28 July, 1988, and is buried in Cowal-McBride's Cemetery.

William Little

West 1/4 Lot 22 Consession 3

In 1860 the farm was owned by Mr. Crosson. In May 1886 Dave Crosson bought the farm for \$5,000. Later he sold the farm to William Little. When William died, his son Bob took over the property. Bob operated the farm until the the 50's when he and his sister, Alice, left the farm. Another son, Gordon, farmed the land until his death in 1969. Gordon Little's three daughters inherited the farm from their Uncle Bob. No one has lived in the house since Alice and Bob left. The barn was recently covered with a light green steel siding, and a new roof was put on.

William Little married Jessie Fletcher December 22, 1892 (see S 1/2 Lot 24, Conc. 2, Robert Fletcher) They lived where Douglas Campbell's farm is located for a year, then moved to Southwold, didn't like it there so bought the Crosson farm in Dunwich.

Their family:

1. Robert (1897 - 1960) was a farmer and moved out West where he died.
2. Gordon (1895 - August 14, 1969, 74 years) married Margaret McCallum. They lived on the Dunwich-Southwold Townline opposite Cowal - McBride Cemetery.

Their family:

Nancy is not married and taught school in Toronto for many years. She is now retired and lives with her mother in the new home built by Gordon shortly before his death in 1969. The new home is about 2 miles from the old homestead.

Margaret married John Regan, a professor. They live in California. Their children are Catherine, Alexandra, and Philip.

Mona married Frank Ives and they live in Florida. They own a book store in Edison Mall in Fort Myers. Their family is - Maggie b. 1965, Nancy B. 1967, Frank Charles b. 1969, and Laura Jane b. 1971.

3. Alice Jessie (1899 - October 25, 1978, 79 years) She never married and kept house for Bob until they left the farm. She then became Head Supervisor at Palmerston Hospital, as well as Niagara-on-the-Lake.

When Bill Little bought the farm in 1894, it was not all cleared. Gordon Little tells of the time in 1913 when his father, he and brother Bob had to clear the back 100 acres along the 3rd consession of trees, stumps , and limbs in order to plant fall wheat in November. As it was late in the year they had to hurry and work hard so that they could finish in time for Bob and Gordon to go to Parry Sound to visit Tom and Mrs. Gervis. This was a very exciting trip from home.

Compiled in 1983.

In the summer of 1984, the house was torn down by Frank Gosnell.

South 1/2 Lot 23, Concession 3.

J. Russell Campbell.

The Crown granted all of Lot 23 (200 acres) to the Canada Company in September 1838. On May 24, 1845, Ebenezer Anderson married Jane Balston in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, and on December 24, 1850 the S 1/2 of lot 23 was granted to this couple. By this time they had three children. In all they had twelve children. Two were stillborn and are buried in Cowal Cemetery. Of the remaining ten (two girls and eight boys), five died before the age of six years. Two males were named Ebenezer Blackwood Anderson. One was their first child who died aged four months and the second one by the same name was a twin born in August 1857. The sixth child, a boy, David Henry, was born October 28, 1853. David was granted the property in January 1897 with the agreement to support his father. David married Anna Bennett who was raised where the Leitch family lives. In 1891 a one and a half storey house was built. It is similar to two other houses in the community. In October 1911 the property was sold to Ebenezer ^{son} Anderson for \$1000. Ebenezer married Ada Catherine Kindree and they had twelve children, Ada being the daughter of John and Mary (McBride) Kindree.

Their family was:

- Dave (D.J.) married Grace Chaplow, lives at Newbury. died 3 Nov. 1990.
- Irene married George Milligan, lives at Simcoe.
- Annie married Hugh McCallum, lived on the second concession. Died February 1952, age 39 years.
- Alex } twins (1914 - June 25, 1981, 67 years.)
- William } not married, lives in Dutton.
- Clifford married Mary Campbell. Died in 1957, age 41 years.
- Gretta married Jack Flannery, lives in Lindsay, California.
- Lloyd not married. Died in 1957 as a result of mangling his hand in a corn picker. Age 37 years.
- Raymond married Eileen Evans who he met in England during the war. He is a chicken farmer, living near Lambeth.
- Kenneth married Bernice Muchman
- Donald married Evelyn Preston. She and their six year old daughter, Lori, were killed in a car accident in 1966.
- Margaret married Jack Keates (March 1923 - May 1972) Second husband Gordon Valad died in 1978. She now lives in Simcoe.

Ebenezer was born about 1882 and died in 1952.
 Ada was born in 1887 and died in 1968.

On payment of the mortgage, the S 1/2 of Lot 23 Conc. 3 became the property of Ada Catharine Anderson and in March of 1957 she sold this farm to James Russell Campbell and she moved to Dutton. Her son, William, lives in the house in Dutton.

Russell Campbell married Grace Marie Rivers in July of 1958 and they took up residence on this farm. Electricity and plumbing were installed in the house and a new central heating system was put in. In 1963 a tower silo was erected and a 100 foot manger installed, followed by another silo in 1964 and another in 1967. By 1966 Russ and Grace had four children:

- Elizabeth married Joe Peternel in 1982, a tobacco farmer, near Rodney. Beth was born in 1959.
- Stan born 1961, farmers with his father.
- Laura born 1964, attends school in Ridgetown.
- David born 1966, a student at West Elgin Secondary School.

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A good producing oil well was drilled in 1966. To celebrate Canada's centennial, improvements were made to the grounds about the house and all the buildings were painted. In 1970 an addition was added to the house and in 1973 a Harvestore silo built. At this time Russ was feeding about 300 cattle and started a farrow to finish hog operation on another farm. In 1977 another Harvestore was added and the size of the lawns and gardens increased. The house was also resided with aluminium. In 1981 the kitchen was enlarged and a second storey was built above this part of the house. This addition added a carport to the house. At this time the basement was lowered and the floor cemented. The north side of the house was also extended and the basement lowered and a cement floor installed. In 1983 the oldest son is farming about 1000 acres with his father, Russell. A slatted floor was built in the barn yard in 1979 and now over 500 head of cattle are finished in this farm operation.

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The house as it appeared in 1957.



Aerial photo as the farm appears in 1980.



Russell and Grace (Rivers) Campbell

Standing - Stan, Beth, Laura

Kneeling - David

August 1978.

Additional Information

The children of Russell and Grace Campbell:

Elizabeth Beth was born in April 16, 1959. She graduated from Ryerson Polytechnical Institute, Toronto, in 1982 and Althouse College, London, in 1983. Beth married Joe Peternel on July 10, 1982, in Particular Covenanted Baptist Church, Wallacetown, with Elder Alex. McCall officiating. Joe is a tobacco farmer near West Lorne. A baby daughter was born August 23, 1984, and named Mallory Grace.

Stan Stan, born March 25, 1961, farms with his father, Russell.

Laura born December 31, 1964, graduated from Ridgetown College of Agriculture Technology in May 1984. She purchased Lot 16, Concession 4, in 1984 and has a 100 sow to finish hog operation.

David born November 29, 1966, graduated from West Elgin Secondary School in 1984, and is farming with his father and brother, Stan.

1992 UPDATE

Elizabeth see next page (104)

Stanley married Lori Christine Jeffery on 18th July, 1987. He purchased the former Robert D, Campbell farm. See page 95 for update.

Laura married Robert John Hathaway, on 6th July, 1985 at Cowal Church. They reside in Melboune and have two children : Katharine Victoria born 27 May, 1986 and John Kurtis born 25 May, 1988.

David is not married and resides at home.

An addition of a bedroom and bathroom was added to the back of the house in 1984. A retaining wall and garden were built at the back when Stan was married. In the lawn a large rock from Southwold river flats at Muskoka was installed in the front yard and several trees were planted. In 1988 a magnolia and weeping mulberry were planted with the 4-H club. The farm was incorporated as Russtanda Livestock Inc. in 1984. A machine shop was built in 1986.

Fred Keates bought one acre of land that formerly belonged to Thomas Griffin. The house was a railroad house brought from North West Southwold in January 1934, by steam engines with all the neighbours helping in the moving of it.

Frederick Keates was a native of Trowbridge, England, coming to Canada in 1921. He was a veteran of World War 1, serving in the British Army with the Royal Army Corps and was in service in Egypt and Salonica. He was a hired hand for many farmers in the neighbourhood. He was also caretaker of Cowal Cemetery for many years as well as Cowal Church.

Frederick Keates (1894 - 1959, age 65 years) married Gwendoline (Queenie) Evans.

Their Family is:

Ivar Donald Keates born in England in June 1919, married Betty Anne Coakley. Their family is Terry, Scott, and Beverly. Don served in the Second World War.

Jack Albert (March 1923 - May 1972) was born at Cowal. He married the girl next door, Margaret Anderson. Jack served in the Second World War also. He died suddenly from a heart attack while driving his car in London where he lived. Their family is Gerald, and Sharon (Mrs. Peter Hopps), Waterloo.

Averil Grace was born September 1930 in Southwold. She married Thomas Fraser who passed away in 1984. They live in London.

Frederick Ernest (March 1936 - October 1980) died at the age of 45 years. He married Shirley Bovair and had two sons.

When his health failed, Mr. and Mrs. Keates moved to London where he was a patient at Westminster Hospital for two and a half years. Following his death in 1959, Mrs. Keates moved to Strathroy, then in 1980 to London. She was an avid knitter and made a great number of articles for the soldiers during the war. On October 31, 1983, Gwendoline Keates passed away and was interred in Cowal Cemetery.

In 1964 Mrs. Russell Campbell purchased the property. Donald and Betty Anne Keates lived there for several years. The house was remodelled when Bruce and Karen Bogart rented it for several years, then they moved to Shedden around 1980. Presently Beth (Campbell) and her husband Joe Peternel are living in the house.

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1992 UPDATE

Children born to Beth and Joe Peternel :

Mallory Grace born 23 August 1984

Jo Leen Veronica born 15 April, 1986

Jaymee Elizabeth born 7 October, 1988

Joseph Russell Christian born 3 August, 1990

Both Joe and Beth tobacco farm in Aldborough Township. They each have their own crop, Joe grows approximately 40 acres and Beth 15 acres. They maintain their residence in Cowal and commute to work in the West Lorne area each day.