

South 1/2 Lot 18, Concession 4

Duncan Leitch

David Bennett bought this land from the crown and he owned it in 1860. His son Peter Bennett owned it in 1907. The late Evelyn Bennett, Peter's wife sold the farm to Duncan Leitch in 1909 and it has belonged to the Leitch family since then.

Duncan Leitch married Janet McMillan and their family was:

J.D. born October 19, 1891

Hugh born January 16, 1893

Duncan born November 29, 1895 died April 24, 1979

Mary born March 28, 1898

Jennie born November 13, 1899

Ethel born September 22, 1903 died January 23, 1983

Kenneth born October 12, 1910 died October 30, 1966

J.D., Hugh, Duncan, Jennie, and Ethel lived all their lives on this farm and were active farmers. Mary married Mr. Stroupe and moved to Florida. Kenneth married Marie McPhail and they lived in Dutton. He had a family of two, Colin and Janet. Kenneth was employed for a number of years by the Department of National Defence at Fingal Airport and he also farmed.

The 50 acres, composed of the south west 1/2 of Lot 19, in the concession south of the fourth, was first owned by the late James Dunaanson, which he purchased from the crown. Then the late James McKellar bought it and sold it later to the late Duncan Leitch. This farm is still owned by the Leitch family.

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1992 UPDATE

Jennie Leitch resided in the Bobier Home for several years.

She died on 2 June, 1987 and is buried in Fairview Cemetery. She was in her 88th year and was the last member of her family. The farm was left to her nephew, Colin Leitch, son of Kenneth and Marie Leitch. Colin married Lara Masur on 4 July, 1986 in London where Colin was a Lawyer. Colin died from a sudden heat attack on 22 January, 1988 at age 39 years. He is buried in Fairview Cemetery.

Ralph Webster lived in the house for several years and to date several others have lived there.

South-West $\frac{1}{4}$, Lot 22, Concession 4

Archie McGugan

The McGugan's came from Argyleshire, Scotland in 1841 and settled in Southwold on a farm near Quality Swine. Archie McGugan was just 7 years old.

In the previous year, 1840, Dougald McLellan and his wife, Janet (Blair), also arrived in Canada from Scotland, bringing their daughter, Margaret, with them, who was 9 years old. They landed at Port Stanley, then settled in Southwold, not far from the McGugan family.

Archie McGugan (1834-1902) married Margaret McLellan (1831-1912) around 1860 and moved from Southwold to South $\frac{1}{2}$ Lot 22, Dunwich.

Here their family was raised:

<u>Margaret</u> (1862-1903)	married Thomas McCallum and died at the age of 40 years.
<u>Janet</u> (1864-1941)	lived all her life on this farm and never married.
<u>Annie</u> (1867-1903)	married Daniel Patterson, died age 36 years, leaving two small sons, John Archie and Stuart Patterson.
<u>Angus</u> (1869-1873)	4 years old.
<u>Arthur</u> (1879-1956)	Arthur and Charles Johnson were two English boys who were sent to Canada for adoption. Arthur was raised by the McGugan's and went by their name, although not adopted. The McIntyre family raised Charlie.

Archie McGugan died suddenly on his way home from Dutton on March 25, 1902. A neighbour found his horse leisurely walking toward home but there was no one in the buggy. A search party located the lifeless body of Mr. McGugan on the side of the road on the Gore. It is believed that he died in the buggy and fell out.

In 1884, McGugan's sold 50 acres of this farm to Thomas McCallum.

When Janet McGugan died in 1941, she left the farm to her two nephews, J.A. and Stuart Patterson. Later John Archie sold out his share to Stuart, who still owns it. The land is used mostly for pasture.

1991 The old house was torn down leaving only the barn standing.

South East 1/2, Lot 22, Concession 4.

By - Lloyd McLellan

Archibald McGugan, who came to this country from Scotland took up the 100 acres as Crown land. Before he squatted on it Mr. Neil McArthur had settled there and left to take up land South of Dutton. Mr. McGugan married Margaret McLellan of Southwold Township. They had three girls and one boy. Annie, the eldest married Daniel Patterson. Maggie married Thomas McCallum, and Janet remained single till her death in 1941. Angus died at the age of 4. They adopted Arthur Johnson, now known as Arthur McGugan. Mr. McGugan fell from his buggy on the way from Dutton to his home and was found dead by neighbours. He had suffered a heart attack. The two daughters died the same year. Annie left two young sons, John Archie and Stuart who still live in the Cowal district. Five years after Maggie's death Thomas McCallum married Jessie McLellan of Southwold, a niece of Margaret McGugan.

In 1884 fifty acres was bought from Mr. McGugan by Thomas McCallum.

Lloyd McLellan, a nephew of Mrs Jessie McCallum, lived with them for a number of years and after their death became owner of the fifty acre farm. He resides there at the present time.

The remaining fifty acres is now owned by Stuart Patterson.

1983 Update

There are few changes on this farm. Lloyd is a paper hanger and much in demand, although he is not as active as in the 70's. He is interested in antiques and has refinished furniture for his home. Lloyd remodelled the kitchen in his home in 1982.

South ½ Lot 23, Concession 4

Clarence Patterson.

John Patterson, native of Argyleshire, Scotland, arrived in Canada with his brother Roger, in 1839. They landed at Montreal and came to Elgin, obtaining grants of land from Colonel Talbot. John settled on Hogg Street, later moving to the fifth concession where he had to clear the land. In his lifetime he cleared three farms. He married Margaret Patterson, no relation, and built a log cabin not far from the present house which is still on the farm. Ten children were born to this union, namely: Duncan who never married, Daniel who married Annie McGugan, Catherine married William March, Isabelle never married and died of burns at the age of 32, Annie married Robert March, Flora married Malcolm McIntyre and died giving birth to their first child, and John married Annetta McLean. Two infants died. When John Patterson Sr. died in 1894, his son John took over the farm. John and his wife Anetta had two children, Clarence and Margaret. Margaret married Clare McCallum and after her marriage lived on the farm now owned by Neil McCallum, a nephew.

Clarence married Jeanette Bobier and they had three daughters. Helen married James Orchard and they have one son, Duncan, and live in Peterborough, Catherine married Albert Ford and they have six children - Jim, Bob, Anne, Steven, Lynne, and Marlene. They live near Dutton and farm. Marion married Donald Page and they have five children- Donald, Gerald, Paul, Andrew, and Elaine. They live in Toronto.

Clarence farmed and also worked on the railroad. He was interested in politics, serving on Dunwich council for a number of years where he became reeve of Dunwich and in 1940 was Warden of Elgin County.

Around 1955 Clarence and Jean sold the farm, moving to Wallacetown, then to Dutton. Clarence died in June 1971 and Jean died in October 1971 age 73 years.

Clarence sold the farm to Mr. and Mrs. Rooyakers who lived there several years before moving to West Lorne. Several families have owned the property since including Horton's, Albery's, and Newman's. Sometime the house was severed from the rest of the farm and today Alex McCallum owns the farm and Kellistine's own the house. The farm is used mostly to pasture cattle and sheep.

There is much music ability in the Patterson Family. John Patterson led the choir at Cowal for some time. When they were young girls Helen, Marion, and Catherine were much in demand to tap dance at various entertainments. They also sang. Presently Helen is a music Teacher which she has done for the last thirty years.



John Patterson 1861-1954
Picture taken in 1948.



John Patterson
nephew Stuart and Jean (McMillan) Patterson.
Son- Clarence and Jean (Bobier) Patterson.
nephew- J.A. and Tena (Carruth) Patterson.
child- Robert Patterson.

Picture taken in 1948.

South ½ Lot 24, Concession 4.

By - Malcolm McPherson

Donald McPherson was a Scots farmer. He came from Argyleshire, Scotland. He was the only one of his family who migrated to Canada. The rest remained in Scotland. He made several trips back to his homeland.

He married Elizabeth MacNichol, and their family of five sons, - John, Donald, Malcolm, Peter, Charles and one daughter Florence were raised on this farm.

The farm consisting of one hundred acres located on Lot 24, Concession 4, Township of Dunwich was purchased from Malcolm McIntyre on 1st February 1878.

The farm was partly cleared. The bush land remaining consisted of hard maple and black ash. The maple was cut into cord wood and sold. The black ash was split into rails for fences.

The first house was a frame building 28' X 30', with a kitchen 20' X 30'. The barn, 36' X 72' was a frame building and built in 1886.

A creek flows through the entire length of the farm, and water is supplied by never failing springs.

The present house was built in 1912 by Donald MacPherson. The telephone, a rural line, was installed in 1907, and electricity in 1926.

This farm is now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Peter MacPherson and son Malcolm.

1983 Update

Peter McPherson died on February 15, 1968. In the 1970's his son, Malcolm, started selling real estate and rented out the land. In 1979 he married Margaret Bennett and moved to West lorne. His mother, Ella McPherson, died on June 26, 1983, after being confined to hospital for nearly a year. The house is now unoccupied and Goodhue's rent the land.

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Peter McBride married Margaret McBride, no relation. Six of a family grew up and remained on this farm all their lives, where they remained until their deaths. None of the family ever married and all are deceased.

The family consisted of James, Nancy, Peter, Flora, Mary Jane and John. This family never ventured far from home and it is said that the girls never saw a train or the Lake.

After Mary Jane's death, the last member of her family, the farm was sold to Duncan McNabb who in turn sold it to Honoree Vanoverbeke and his wife, Betsy. They bought the farm around 1960. Their family is Robert, who is married, Sandy and James.

After the Vanoverbekes bought the farm they built a new house and barn on it. They farm the land as well as several other farms near the home place.

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FOOTNOTE

Peter McBride and his wife, Nancy McCallum came from Cowal district, Argyleshire, Scotland in 1844 and settled on Lot A, Concession 4. Their seven young children came with them, crossing the ocean by sail boat. They landed at Port Stanley and hauled their supplies by oxen to Dunwich. Mrs. McBride died in 1845 and Peter in 1859. They are buried at Fingal.

Their family were:

- Catherine married Duncan McNabb and their family were Mungo and Annie.
- Neil married Flora McKay, no family.
- John died in Scotland.
- Hugh married Isabel McNabb, no family.
- James married Cathine McCallum (Ada Anderson was a granddaughter.)
- Margaret married Dougal Clark (see Lot 24, Conc. 2, Robert Fletcher.)
- Peter married Margaret McBride (SEE ABOVE.)
- Donald married Catherine McCallum (see Lot 24, Conc. 3, Peter McBride.)
- Duncan married Mary McCallum (see Lot A and B, Conc. 3.) Duncan was born in Canada.

East Part, Lot A, Concession 4Clarence Campbell

According to the map of 1860 this property was owned by Mary McBride.

By 1907 John Kindree was the owner. He married Mary McBride, daughter of James McBride and Catherine McCallum. James and Catherine McBride had three other daughters - Nancy, Catherine and Margaret, who all died when young, from diptheria,

Mary (McBride) and John Kindree had three children:

Alex Kindree married Myrtle Ross and lived in London.

Ada Kindree married Ebenezer Anderson (see Lot 23, Conc. 2, J. Russell Campbell).

Walter Kindree married Ina Topping and lived in St. Thomas.

After serving in the Second World War, Clarence Campbell bought this farm. He married Margaret Kovacs and their three children were born here:

Ross born in 1948, married Jane Anderson, has two children and lives on his grandfather's home farm (Archie M. Campbell).

Anne born in 1954 and lives in Vancouver.

Karen born in 1959, lives in Hamilton.

Margaret and Clarence were married in 1947.

Clarence and his son Ross farm together and the farm is used for general farming. The house was built the year Ada (Kindree) Anderson was born - 1887.

1992 UPDATE

Ross Campbell joined the Dunwich Road Department and he and Jane and two children moved to Dutton where they purchased the former Bambridge home. Clarence had health problems which curtailed his farming activities and in March 1992 he had a farm machinery sale. Honoree Vanoverbeke purchased the farm and his son Robert and family moved into the house. Clarence and Margaret moved to Dutton to live in an additoin that was added to their home.

In the 1870's this was the Arkell Estate, consisting of 250 acres. In 1894 William Evans bought 210 acres from a Mr. Leverton. The Evans Family had come from Bristol, England, in the 1800's.

Originally, the buildings were along the 4th concession. They consisted of a log house, a large driveshed which was big enough to house cattle, and a silo.

Then the land was cleared on the south side of the farm. The log house was dismantled to discourage transients from living in it.

In 1894 the large brick home was built. Eleven men were hired to do the work. They slept in the unfinished upstairs of the McCallum house across the road. Mrs. McCallum fed the men, and there are still grocery lists of the quantities of food needed to feed this crew. The house took three months to build. The exciting part of this new house was that it had indoor plumbing which very few farm families enjoyed in those days. There was a large water "holding" tank in the attic which was used to operate the facilities in the bathroom. Many curious visitors had to see how it operated.

In 1895 a house warming was held to celebrate the completion of the house and also to welcome the new baby, Patience.

The new home was called Somerset Lodge.

What became of the original buildings? The driveshed was sold to Mr. Salmon across the road on the 4th concession, then later Mr. Evans bought it back, then sold it to Mr. Loche who moved it to his farm in Muskoka.

The new barn was built by Mr. Lumley from Iona, but there was no barn raising bee. Two large cement pillars were erected at the entrance of the laneway. Pattie's mother planted the hedge along the front of the house.

Pattie moved to St. Thomas where she worked as a proof reader, having her own apartment in the city. Leonard Evans and his family lived on the farm for several years. When her parents became ill they moved back to the farm and Pattie cared for them. Her father died in 1928 and her mother in 1940.

When her mother died, Pattie inherited the farm and with the help of a hired man, continued farming. She cared for children from the Children's Aid Society.

William Evans married Miss Fryer and their family included Leonard, Cedric, George who lives in St. Thomas, Gwendoline, 91 years old and lives in Waterloo, Patience who lives in St. Thomas and Marjorie (deceased).

In 1952 Pattie sold the farm to Ronald and Dorothy Watson. They raised their family here - Donna, Elizabeth, Marlene, Kay, Bonnie, David and Kim.

In 1968 the Watsons sold the farm to Daniel McCallum. Watsons severed off 10 acres which included the buildings. At this time they installed an oil furnace in the house.

In 1973 David Watson, Ron's son, bought 9½ acres and Ron kept the half acre where he built a new home around 1976. Ron is now retired.

In May 1979, Denise and Harvey Dowker (whose ancestors were Campbell's and McCallum's) bought the 9½ acres.

Their family is Jennifer, Graham who passed away in 1983, age 13 years, and Fleur.

Dowkers have rewired the house, put in a septic system, repaired the porch, and redecorated the inside of the attractive home. Harvey works for the London FreePress.



The original home of the Evans family. There is an attractive stained glass window in the living room.

1992 UPDATE

The Dowkers sold the farm and moved to Fingal and later to Sparta. The next owners were David and Jenette Lavell who have two children. David is a teacher on the Reserve and Jenette, a full blood Indian who was raised on Manitoulin Island, works for Indian Affairs.

South ½ Lot C, Concession 4

John McCallum

John McCallum obtained this land from the Crown.
His family was:

- 1. Catherine(Kate) married Donald McBride (1825 - 1879.)
Their family was:

- Annie
- Peter
- Elizabeth married William Whitelock.
- Jane married D.A. McNabb.
- Catherine
- James
- Hugh
- Dan

They lived on the N½ Lot 24, Conc. 3.

- 2. Mary McCallum married Duncan McBride (1829 - 1903.)
Their family was :

- James married Mysie Walker.
- Annie married Colin Walker.
- Amy married Malcolm McGugan.
- Mary Jane married Alex Turner.
- Catherine married James Gauld.
- Elizabeth married George Little.
- Duncan.

- 3. Duncan
- 4. James
- 5. Hugh
- 6. Peter

In 1854 John McCallum gave the land along the 5th concession for Cowal Cemetary. The first burial was Nancy McLaren McTavish, wife of John McTavish. She died on May 3, 1854, age 37 years, leaving three daughters and three sons.

By 1907, John McCallum's farm was owned by Mungo McNabb and it is still in the McNabb name with the latest owners being Duncan and Jack McNabb. The farm land is rented out. There are no buildings on the property.

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FOOTNOTE

In 1984 Paul McCallum, son of Neil, bought this farm from the McNabb family.

Lot 23, Concession 5 N. of A

Robert March.

Robert March came to Canada from Scotland and taught school for several years. He married Jane Milton and they settled on Lot 23, Conc. 5 N. of A.

Three girls and seven boys were born to them. Their son William who married Catherine (Kate) Patterson took over the farm in 1880 and they farmed there until 1916, then moved to Dutton. William March died in May 1919 and Kate March in July 1941.

In 1919 William March sold the farm to Thomas Gervis (1875 - 1957), died in his 82nd year.) who was born in Ireland and came to Canada when he was 18 years old. He lived at Cowal, then went to work in the lumber mills at Parry Sound, later moved to British Columbia to work ~~to work~~ in the lumber industry, then moved to New Zealand. He returned to Cowal in 1931 and took up farming. He married Christena Clark (born 1876, died in 1957), daughter of Robert Clark and Catherine Fletcher. (see Lot 24, Conc. 2)

They had four children:

Marion who married Tom O' Brien, St. Thomas.

Jack moved to Sudbury (deceased)

David went to Toronto (deceased)

Donald who works at St. Thomas General Hospital.

Tom and Tena Gervis retired in 1952 and moved to Dutton.

In 1952 Mr. and Mrs. Prince bought the farm and lived there with their family until around 1955.

Around 1955 Frank and Jean Manning bought the farm. They had two children, Sarah and Robert. They moved to Arva around 1973 where Jean worked in the post office. They now live in Ilderton.

Then Honoree Vanoverbeke bought the farm, having the house and an acre of land severed from the main property. Several families have lived in the house and for a time it was vacant. In 1981 or 82 Alfred Alves bought the house and lot and built a new dwelling, tearing down the old house. His wife is Susan and they have two young children, Caroline and Steven. Vanoverbeke's crop the land with corn and soybeans.

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1992 UPDATE

Alfred Alves took on a job at the Bruce Nuclear Plant and the family moved to Wingham., in 1991. Gerry Galbraith, son of William and Eleanor Galbraith, Wallacetown, purchased the house and he and his family moved there in the summer of 1991.

North ½, Lot A, Concession 5N. of A.

Peter Clarke

Peter McBride married Nancy (McCallum) and came to Canada from Argyleshire, Scotland in 1844 and settled on Lot A, Concession 4. They had a family of nine (see Lot A, Concession 4). Their sixth child, Margaret McBride, married Dugald Clark (1818 - July 12, 1872, buried in Cowal Cemetery), a native of Argyleshire, Scotland who came to Canada in the 1840's. He bought Lot A, Concession 5 N of A. (across the road from Peter McBride) in 1844.

Dugald and Margaret (McBride) Clark had a family of 3 sons and six daughters:

Nancy

Robert (1847 - 1927) married Catherine Fletcher (see Lot 16, Conc., 4).

Peter married Mary Fletcher (a sister of Catherine, above, daughters of Robert Fletcher).

James

Catherine

Mary married Robert Ebitson

Elizabeth

Annabella married Wesley Gilroy

Christena married Leslie McClurg

When Dugald died in 1872, he willed half the farm to his son, Peter, and half to his wife, to be passed to her son James on her death. James died, unmarried, in 1880 and willed his half to his brother, Peter, who became the sole owner of the 100 acres.

Peter Clarke married Mary Fletcher (see Lot 24, Conc. 2, Robert Fletcher). Their family was:

Rosetta married George Marquis.

Mary Jane married Archie Love.

Annie (1879 - 1909) married William Horowitz.

Margaret married Herman Ponsford, St. Thomas.

Robert

James (1886 - 1920) married Mary McBride, Preston's sister.

John

Jessie

Harry

Peter Clarke died in 1917, willing his farm to his sons, James and Harry. James died in 1920 and his widow, Mary, sold her interest in the farm to Henry (Harry).

Around 1925 Harry and some of the other members of the Clark family went to Detroit. In 1951 Harry sold the farm to Alvin Lee, and the house and barns were razed. In 1965 Alvin Lee sold out to Gordon Campbell who is the present owner.

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1992 UPDATE

On 15 September, 1990 Lynne Campbell married Marvin Paul at Cowal United Church. Lynne's father, Gordon, gave them the east half of this farm and they erected a "Royal" home on the property. A good water well was dug. Both Lynne and Marvin commute to jobs in London.

(50 acres)
to Lynne

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