

THE STALKER & McMURCHY FARMS

Miss Bessie Stalker has in her possession an interesting and ancient document - the deed to the farm bought and settled on by her grandfather, the late Gilbert Stalker. He arrived from Scotland in the spring of 1853, to settle in East Aldborough on Lot 19, Concession 1. The sum paid for the farm was three hundred and ten pounds or \$1500. This price was for a farm of 200 acres, covered with timber.

In the year 1929, Douglas McMurchy bought 100 acres of this farm.

At the present time, January 21st, 1954, Miss Bessie Stalker and her brother Donald Stalker are the third generation living on the West $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot 19, Concession 1, East Aldborough.

The deed for this land was registered in the name of Keith Marr March 5, 1958 and the house deed also registered to Keith Marr July 7, 1972.

JOHN & RONALD WALKER FARM

The John & Ronald Walker farm was bought from the Crown in 1852 by Duncan McEachren Sr., and settled by his son, John (Mohr.) McEachren. It was sold by him to Neil Walker in 1875, and inherited by the late John and Ronald Walker. Arthur Johnson, their nephew, inherited in 1918, and sold it to the present owner, Lachlin McLean, in 1953.

THE CARMICHAEL FARM

On July 22nd, 1799 Hon. Alexander Grant was given a deed to a portion of land bordering the Thames River in Aldborough Township Elgin County. Today part of this property is lot 18 and 19 on Concession B. For 31 years this remained the property of Grant. In 1830 it was protioned out into lots and a deed was given to Florence Dickson from Grant for the above lots. In 1860 on Jan. 4 John Mulligan became the owner as it was sold for taxes. In 1862 he sold it to Amasa Thomas but in 1869 it was deeded to Anson Thom as, a son.

○ On Oct. 24th, 1870 Henry Lloyd bought this property for \$2000. From the period of 1870 to 1882 it changed hand several times being lost by for-closing mortgages. The following names were some of the owners, Duncan Campbell, Thomas Gilbert, John Trestain, Walter Scott Tait, Wm. John Webster, John Donald Shaw and Balthaser Heilman. In 1903 H. Lloyd sold the property to Wm. English on Aug. 20th. After renting for a period of years James Carmichael bought it on Feb 5, 1920. He owned it until his death in 1927 when it was left to his widow Mary Jane Carmichael.

On April 17th 1936 her son John bought it from her and is still the owner. During this period as far as can be ascertained three houses have been built. The present one being constructed about 1877. In 1926 the barn was moved to the present sight and enlarged.

HAROLD CARROLL FARM

Lot Gore, Con. 1 Aldborough

Mr. Colin McLennan was the original settler, buying the farm as virgin land.

He built the log cabin which is still standing in good condition although used as a pig pen. His brother who was a sailor assisted him in the building, but he died shortly afterwards in New Orleans. The first baby was born to Colin and his wife, the former Janet Finalyson in 1855. Their family consisted of five boys and one girl. Mr. McLennan died in 1869, and his wife and children stayed there for twelve years when Mrs. McLennan passed away. His son Kenneth lived there for some time, then it was sold to John Campbell who later sold it to John Webster whose wife was Kate Campbell. They had one son "Campbell".

Mr. Webster built a white frame house shortly after he bought the farm. About 1920 it was sold to Henry Urquhart whose wife was Edna Burrows and to whom were born four sons, Harry, Kenneth, Bob and Norman.

In 1945 it was sold to Harold Carroll, and the Urquhart family moved to the West.

Harold married Muriel McPherson in 1948 and they have five children; Keith, Terry, Allan, Marie and Beth. In 1960 the barns were remodelled and in 1965-66 the frame house was torn down and the best of the material used to construct a new house in the same location.

1974

MCKILLOP FARM - Con.1

(Joan Marr)

Lot 18 Concession 1 in the township of Aldborough was first owned and settled by Jasper and Mary Elizabeth Gilkison. Succeeding owners were Samuel Minshall 1849-1853, John and Flora McMilan 1853-1859, Dugald McMillan 1859-1896, Archibald and Duncan McMillan 1896-1943, Bella A. McKillop 1943-1971, and Joan Marr 1971.

A barn erected on the site was sold to Donald Stalker and moved to his farm. The house was sold and torn down in 1947 or 48.

MCKILLOP FARM - Con.7

(Donald McKillop)

Lot 20 Concession 7 Aldborough township was purchased by J.L. McKillop and Duncan McKillop in 1920's. The house and barn constructed at the turn of the century 1900 were removed to the 8th Con. in 1940's. The property was acquired by John L. McKillop in 1930's.

FRANK KYS FARM

The first known settler of Lot 19 Concession 3, Aldborough was Christopher Franks during the 1870's. Succeeding owners were Bill Franks, Art Trudell, Elmer Bernie, Theodore Couteur, Frank VanDongen and Frank Kys 1967. As the top half of the house burned when Bernie owned it, the remainder was converted to a bungalow.

WILLIAM MORRISON

The first known settlers of the southwest 1/4 Lot 20 Con. 4 Aldborough, and southwest 1/4 Lot 19 Con. 7 were Archie and Robert Morrison in the late 1870's. Succeeding owners were D. Morrison 1880 and William Morrison 1930 and 1932.

STALKER FARM -1974
(Mrs. Florence McVicar & Miss Janet Stalker)

An outline of the history of the ownership of Lot 21, Second concession in the township of Aldborough from the time of granting the Crown Deeds to the present year of 1974.

CROWN SALE

Grant
to

Robert Grant

of the township of Aldborough, County of Elgin One Hundred acres composed of the Easterly half of Lot No.21 in Second concession of the township of Aldborough for the sum of sixty-two pounds, ten shillings.

Given under the Great Seal of our Province of Canada at Toronto, this eleventh day of August 1851.

CROWN SALE

Grant
to

The Honourable George J. Goodhue of the town of London in the county of Middlesex, One hundred acres composed of the west half of Lot No. 21 in the second concession of the township of Aldborough in the county of Elgin.

Given under the Great Seal of our Province of Canada at Quebec, this fourth day of February 1852.

Duncan Stalker, who came from Rhunahaorin, Angleshire purchased the West half of Lot 21 composed of 100 acres from Honourable George Jervis Goodhue for the sum of eighty-four pounds. Probable purchase date would be this same year of 1852.

In the year 1863 Duncan Stalker purchased from Robert Grant Fifty acres of lands more or less being composed of the north half of the easterly half of Lot 21 in the second concession of Aldborough less one acre deeded to one William Papsb.

In the year 1865 Duncan Stalker sold to the Trustees of S.S.#19 one-half acre. A schoolhouse was built on this parcel of land on the north end of the East half. Later this school was closed and replaced by two school sections, namely S.S.#9 and S.S.#12. Duncan Stalker also sold small parcels of land on this north end to Duncan McIntyre and to Edward Loosemore.

In the year 1878 Duncan Stalker purchased Fifty acres composed of the South half of the Easterly half of Lot 21 from Richard Henry Axford. This parcel of land had changed hands from Robert Grant, the original owner to Alexander Grant, Malcolm Munro, Archibald McLean to Richard H. Axford.

Duncan Stalker became the owner of Lot 21, Second concession in township of Aldborough composed of two hundred acres with the exception of some eight acres more or less on the north end of the Easterly half. On the decease of Duncan Stalker Senior in the year 1907 this property was heired by his son Duncan Stalker Junior. On the decease of Duncan Stalker Junior in the year 1935 the property was heired by his two daughters Miss Janet Stalker and Mrs. Florence Mary McVicar both of Newbury address. The ownership still remains in their hands to date.

THE GILBERT LIVINGSTONE FARM
S $\frac{1}{2}$ and Pt.N $\frac{1}{2}$ Lot21, concession 1, Aldborough

This parcel of land, consisting of one hundred acres was received from the Crown by Canada Company on Sept. 19, 1838. On March 4, 1861 George J. Goodhue received it from Canada Company.

For the sum of \$687 this acreage was sold by George J. Goodhue to James McLean on April 12, 1862.

In forty-five years time James McLean sold the farm to Archibald J. McLean on April 20, 1907 for \$4000.

Two years later on Feb. 13, 1909 Willial H. McLean purchased the land from Archibald J. McLean for \$4000.

After a short time William H. McLean sold it to John Colridge on May 26, 1909 for \$4500.

On April 2, 1910 Georg Thomas Markham bought the same land from John Coridge for \$5500 subject to a lease of Cheese Factory Property to the Crinan Cheese Company.

Edward Harlie Tennent secured this property from George Thomas Markham on Dec. 5, 1918 in exchange of properties and \$1.00.

On Dec. 26, 1919 Andrew Shaw purchased the land from Edward Harlie Tennent for \$12,500,

For \$10,500 Andrew Bryden bought the acreage from Andrew Shaw on Dec. 1, 1921. Then on Dec. 21, 1921 Andrew Bryden sold the land to Albert Wright for \$15,000.

David Hasket Tennent and Edward Harlie Tennent received it from John Albert Wright in Aug. 17, 1922.

On Oct. 12, 1922 Charles and Matilda Cook became tenants on this land.

Edward Harlie Tennent received the property from David Hasket Tennent on Jan. 13, 1926.

On Sept. 11, 1926 Malcolm Livingstone for exchange of properties and \$1200 purchased the land from Edward Harlie Tennent.

On Aug. 22, 1951 this property was granted to Gilbert and Minnie Livingstone.

The first building erected on this land was a school in the year 1855. It was situated on the south-east corner, that is at the corner of concession 2 and the Graham road. It is not known when it was moved.

James McLean built the house and barn after he purchased the land in 1862. They were situated across the road from the church.

In 1869 a cheese factory was built north of the residence. It was operated by Robert McMillan, the owner.

About the year 1911 a general store was started south of the cheese factory. This was owned and operated by George Thomas Markham. The last operator was Charles Cook in 1923.

When Malcolm Livingstone purchased this farm in 1926 the store and cheese factory were not in use. He purchased these buildings from Charles Harlie Tennent but did not operate them. In the early 1930's these buildings were sold to Jack Beattie of Mosa and Tom Morrison of Aldborough. The cheese factory became Mr. Morrison's barn. The building in which the whey vat was kept became Malcolm Livingstone's garage. The well from which water was secured for the cheese factory is still in use.

In 1936 the house was remodelled by the Livingstone family.

Then in 1947 a second residence was built to which Malcolm and Millie Livingstone moved in June 1950. It is situated south of the first home.

At present the original residence is occupied by Gilbert and Minnie Livingstone. The second residence is occupied by their daughter and son-in-law Ruth and Larry Howard. (Sept. 30, 1974)

1975

Wilfred Johnston Farm
N $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot24 Con.1 Ald.

The first known owner was J. Matheson. Succeeding owners were Murdock Matheson, Ernest Carpenter 1943, and Roy Carpenter 1947. The present who bought the farm in 1973 is Wilfred and Eric Johnston.

Frank De Witte Farm
N $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot23 Con.1 Ald.

The first known owner was J. Campbell. Succeeding owners were Joe Schnekenburger and Norm Schnekenburger. The present owner who bought the farm in 1963 is Frank De Witte. The present home was built in 1942 following the fire which destroyed the brick home that was proudly erected after a log cabin.

McRae Farm
S $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot21 Con.A Ald.

The first known owner was Hugh Johnston. Succeeding owners were Philip McRae and Donald McRae. The present owner who bought the farm in 1971 is Joe Rastapkevicius.

1975

Archie McMillan Farm
E $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot23 Con.A Ald.

The first known owner was Dymick. Succeeding owners were Jack Dymock and Archie McMillan. The present owner who bought the farm in 1973 is Wayne Hauser.

Archie (Baldy) McKillop Farm
N. $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot22 Con.1 Ald.

The first known owner was Alex Crawford. Succeeding owners were McKillops and Archie McKillop. The present owner who bought the farm in 1969 is Geo. Hendry.

Cornelius Van Overbeek Farm
N $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot22 con.A Ald.

The first known owner was P. Stewart. Succeeding owners were John Johnston, James Alan Carmicheal and the present owner who bought the farm in 1951, C. Van Overbeek. The present new home was built in 1968.