

- 6) James<sup>2</sup> b. 10 Mar 1763 Dutchess County, NY m. ca. 1789 prob. in Washington County Elizabeth W. \_\_\_\_\_ b. 11 August 1771 d. 25 Sept 1825 . He d. 20 Sept 1846 - Both are burried Ridge Road Cem. in Eden, Ontario
- James was only son of Robert who appears to have served in Rev. cause (see above)
  - Listed on manuscript assessment roll of Queensbury 1805 a
  - was a constable in Queensbury 1795 (Holden's Hist)
  - 1790 Census - Dutchess County - Pawling  
1 male over 16; 1 female under
  - 1800 Census - Washington Co- Queensbury  
2 male under 10; 1 male 26-45; 2 female under 10; 1 female 26-45
  - 1810 Census - Oneida County - No Twp Given but suspect Holland Patent J. Caswell - 3 male under 10; 1 male 10-15; 1 male 16-25; 1 male 45 & up  
1 female under 10; 2 female 10-15; 1 female 26-44
  - 1842 Census - Bayham Twp., Malahide County, Ontario Canada  
James Caswell listed as farmer (believe his son) on Lot 115 Cons. 6  
7 Canadians of British descent and 1 of USA - 25 yrs. in Ontario
- Children:
- a) Robert<sup>3</sup> b. 1791-4 Washington Co. m. Elizabeth (Betsey) - DAR Papers
  - b) Son<sup>3</sup> b. 1795-1800 Washington Co.
  - c) Daughter<sup>3</sup> b. 1795-1800 Washington Co
  - d) Daughter<sup>3</sup> b. 1795-1800 Washington Co.
  - e) James<sup>3</sup> b. 1804-5 either Washington or Oneida Co m. Mary White
  - f) Liza (Elizabeth)<sup>3</sup> b. 1800-1810 either Washington or Oneida Co.  
m. John Warner Bascom 9Apr 1837 Malahide Twp., Elgin Co., Ontario (Ontario Archives) She d. 1842-50 Illinois? - My Line
  - g) Mathew<sup>3</sup> b. 22 Mar 1807 either Washington or Oneida Co. m.<sup>1</sup>  
Diantha \_\_\_\_\_ b. 6 Apr 1809 d. 6 Mar 1852 m.<sup>2</sup> Margaret \_\_\_\_\_  
b. ca. 9 June 1820 d. 14 Nov 1881. He d. 20 May 1887 - all burried Ridge Road Cem., Eden, Ontario
  - h) Ambrose<sup>3</sup> b. ca. Aug 1808 either Washington or Oneida Co., m.  
Eleanor \_\_\_\_\_ b. ca. 1806 d. 20 Sept 1873 age 67. He d. 24 Dec 1872 age 64 yr. & 4 mos. - both burried Dubone Cem. (Malahide United Church Cemetery)

Note: There is no proof of the children of James & Elizabeth but it appears to be essentially correct.

- 7) Nathan<sup>2</sup> b. 1774-84 Dutchess County. m. Mary \_\_\_\_\_ ca. 1790 Washington Co . She b. ca. 1773-4 d. 1851-61 Eden, Ontario. He d. before 1 Nov 1824 as on that date Jerothman was listed as his eldest son and Daniel (son) made out a desposition re obtaining Crown Land (Lot 12 Cons. 8 Bayham Twp., Elgin County) in which they refer to deceased father who settled there in 1817.
- In addition to above on Nathan there is a Nathan Keasil listed on Poughkeepsie Tax list for 1772.
  - 1800 Census - Washington Co - Queensbury  
1 male under 10; 1 male 10-16; 1 male 16-26; 1 female 10-16;  
1 female 16-26
  - Deed mortgaged to Nathan Caswell of Queensbury a 10 acre Mill (part) Lot adjoining the great falls in Queensbury (Glens Falls) 8 June 1786 for 500 pounds ( Washington Deed B-1:240) - It is interesting to note that the lot in Canada his sons obtained was a Sawmill site
  - Listed on manuscript assessment roll of Queensbury 1805
- Children:
- a) Jerothman<sup>3</sup> b. 1784-90 prob. Washington Co m. Mary \_\_\_\_\_  
b. ca. 1799-1800 d. after 1871 Eden, Ontario. He d. before 1861 Census Eden, Ontario . Listed in 1842 Ontario Census as a Lumberman on Lot 22 Cons. 8 Bayham Twp., Malahide Co.
  - b) Daughter<sup>3</sup> b. 1784-90 prob. Washington Co.
  - c) Daniel<sup>3</sup> b. 5 Sept 1791 Washington Co m. Elizabeth (Betsey) \_\_\_\_\_  
b. Oct 1797 NY State d. 25 Feb 1861. He d. 10 Oct 1860. Both burried Ridge Road Cem., Eden, Ontario. He is listed in Ontario Census starting in 1842 and in 1842 Census states he lived in Ontario for 32 years. ( This may account for Nathan, Jerothman, and Daniel missing on any 1810 Census I can find)

Note: The area in Washington County above is known as South Queensbury, and today is part of Warren County, NY.





Merry Christmas and  
a Happy New Year

Aggie.  
Caswell.



BLAKE CASWELL



AGNES CASWELL AT PYGALL  
GRAVE



## THE CASWELL FAMILY HISTORY

As far back as we can trace the family's history, the first ancestor to settle in Canada was Daniel Caswell, and his wife Betsy, who came to Elgin County from the Mohawk Valley and were originally from Holland descent.  
(PATENT)

Tradition has preserved the story that the old gun and bayonet, now in possession of the Caswell Estate, belonged to Daniel Caswell who acquired it by teaming supplies during the War of 1812, which would also account for his settling in Bayham.

A search for the family at the Archives, Toronto, reveals Crown Land was granted to a Caswell (whose first name is definitely misspelled but believed to be Daniel) as early as 1828 and 1835. And through the course of years he added to this so that he owned Lots 16, 17, 20 and 21, Con. 8, Bayham township.

He died Oct. 10, 1860, leaving a family which included Seth and Warren who remained bachelors all their lives. Also Andrew, the great grandfather of Wilford Burwell, Maranda (Mrs. Charles Hubbard), Sybil (Mrs. John Pygall) and Harvey Caswell.  
(Boodle)

Harvey Caswell was born March 5, 1829.

In 1865 Harvey sold the timber off Lot 19, Con. 8, to Andrew and Alfred Patton and Chas. Draselle, Lumber merchants, Vienna for \$1,200.00. Then, in the same year, on Dec. 30, 1865 he bought a farm, s $\frac{1}{2}$  Lot 18, Con. 9, (the present home for the Caswell descendants,) for \$1,400.00 from Edwin Gray. This farm now 94 years later (in 1959) is still occupied by his descendants.

Having purchased the farm in December, he married Jane Stilwell, the daughter of another pioneer family, on Jan. 10, 1866. He was 37 years old and she was 32. She was born in New Brunswick, May 26, 1834. To this union was born one only child, Ira, born Nov. 15, 1873. When he was about 12 years old, the brick house was built which would be about the year 1885 or about 74 years ago.

The Crown Deed was granted to Sidney Webb May 15, 1848 and early papers still in the possession of the estate show quite a struggle had been experienced with mortgages at 12 % and the sale of the farm to Chas. Allen Price, a carpenter of Straffordville in 1865 for \$500.00, then to Edwin Gray who paid up the mortgages and sold free and clear to Harvey Caswell all in the year 1865.

Ira Caswell was married to Agnes Backhouse, his next door neighbour, Dec. 15, 1897, and continued to operate his father's farm as a dairy business as all farms in the community were then, until about 1937 when the growing of tobacco was still young, he obtained the 27 acres rights from the Tobacco Marketing Board and built buildings and equipped the farm with machinery for both dairy and tobacco growing.

In 1865 the taxes were	\$6.38.
In 1937	\$77.95.
In 1942	\$112.00.
In 1948	\$157.32.
In 1950	\$188.14.
In 1959	\$386.74.

Ira Caswell suffered a stroke in January 1950 and died January 22, 1951, at the age of 79 years.

To he and Agnes had been born one only child, Blake on March 18, 1899. He died Apr. 28, 1957. He had married Jessie Herron of Courtland, Ontario on Good Friday, April 11, 1941. They became the parents of Kenneth Lloyd (Ted) and Marjorie Elaine (Marie) who later became Mrs. Albert Schulz, July 28, 1957.

Ted married Shirley McQuiggan of Calton on Dec. 15, 1956 and to this union was born Kenneth Blake on Sept. 15, 1957. Marie and her husband have one little girl, Esther Marie.

Blake's widow operates the farm as Administratrix of the Caswell Estate and Mrs. Ira Caswell is still in pretty fair health at the age of 88 and also resides on the farm.



William Chandler, (father of Fred) came as a young man from England to Paris, Ontario, or Upper Canada. He was married to Susan Shrubsole, Lakeside, Ontario, who eloped with him by rowing across the river to John Chandler's home. They came to the Walter Weeks farm, north of Eden, (which may have been called Manchester at that time) where they lived for 13 years.

Fred was born there May 17, 1870. They lived in a log shanty 12 x 12 feet which had a hole cut 2 feet long for a window with no glass. A lumber door with latch of wood with a string through the door was used in the building. Lumber laid on the ground for a floor and believe it or not it was plastered inside and out with fresh cow manure. A far cry from the beautiful structures we call our homes today. However these were among the experiences of our early pioneers.

In 1896 Fred was married to Alma Jones who was born in 1874 and died March 8, 1948. To this union was born Minnie May on July 28, 1896, who died Oct. 8, 1965  
and Beulah, wife of George Grass  
was born in 1898 and died March 19, 1955.

Mrs. Chandler (Alma) was the daughter of Michael Jones. Alfred and George were her brothers. They lived at the top of the west hill (known a few years ago as the Ed Ketchabaw house.) Alf Jones kept the post office; for some years following the death of her husband, Mrs. Jones continued to keep post office. This was in the house where Harold Chrysler lives today. Mrs. Alf Jones was the daughter of Isaac Stilwell. Alf met with a fatal accident when he fell from the roof of Chris Reader's barn while shingling. He had the misfortune to break most of the bones in his whole body and died about two weeks later. He was a member of the Methodist church choir of which Julia Allemand was the organist and choir leader. Mrs. Chandler's brother George Jones and Edna Delaney, Courtland, Ontario, were the attendants at the wedding of Walter McDowell and Anna Adams, Courtland, Ontario.

Now "The Fred Chandler" farm on Lot 20, Con. 8, Bayham township, Elgin county, was purchased from the Crown by the Canada Company in 1841. To the west of the farm there was a side road which through the years has been closed. The house and barn originally were south on this side road. It was a plank house, hand hewn with two rooms and the barn was about 30 x 50 feet. These buildings were moved to their present position and it is thought they could have been about 80 years old. The farm contained 50 acres-20 acres of wood and blow-sand. It was bought for \$700.00 with a down payment of \$14.00 and \$20.00 per month payable to the William Wilson estate.

Improvements were added which include: A well 70 feet with a point to take the place of hauling water, from a spring on the creek in the gully on the farm, with a horse and stone-boat. They used to cool the milk over Sunday in this spring. The remains of the box is still back there. A bathroom came in later years along with electricity and telephone. Buildings were added - a drive barn, garage, hog-pen, hen-house, and shed. In 1924 the barn was put on a cement foundation. During the World War 1 the house had been made into kitchen, bath, 3 bedrooms and living room and dining room. In 1917, Alexander McKie and George Jones helped with additions to the house.

An orchard of apples and peaches was grafted in 1940. Mr. Chandler grafted 45 fruit trees himself, mostly peaches.

Reforestation - 200 Red and Jack Pines were planted in all the gullies and part of the woods. One hundred or more Maples were set like a park. These he got from the Wilson Burwell woods in Goshen. Maples along the front of the farm were set out about 55 years ago some of which are still standing.

Their first livestock consisted of 2 chickens, (cross-bred, possibly wild) 1 horse, and 1 cow. However, through the years they established a market for their produce by having regular customers in Tillsonburg for eggs, butter, apples, vegetables and fowl -and also sold Hickory nuts and Chestnuts.

They never did run the farm on a very large scale as he was employed elsewhere as noted in a conversation with Mrs. Ira Caswell, when they had both reached their golden years of about 85.

Fred Chandler remembers when " The old cemetery on the Ridge Road served both the Methodist and Baptist churches. The Methodist church was on the Ridge Road by Offa Davis' farm and the Baptist church by Mrs. Saunders' (now Wayne Shepherd's) east of Eden. The children went barefoot to church."

The C.N.R. was put through the year he was born 1870. To skip the two gullies the road ran by the New England Hotel where Bert Kennedy lives and where Len Beaman farmed,



The road turned into the Weeks farm. Two wooden bridges were by the yard and mill. Rev. Cripps was the watchman on the bridge before he came to preach. There was no road at this time where # 19 Highway now is. Fred Chandler rode over T.L.E. & P. railroad on its first trip with a load of steel. He was one of the first section men on the line with Barney O'Neil as the other.

Jack Spencer was the section boss. Isaiah Dougherty was an early store keeper if not the first. Bob Roberts was the first grave in the present cemetery and Homer Lundy was the last grave in the old cemetery.

Fred Chandler drew pipe for the dam for the Andrew Caswell mill which later was operated also by John Pygall, Sinden's and Murray Stenabaugh's father. Remains of this mill can still be seen in the yard of Mr. Charles McDowell who lives near the Otter Creek west of Eden.

In the little 12 ft square cabin previously mentioned the furniture included such items as a King stove with an oven on top, the fire-box opened at both ends and took 3 ft wood. A spinning wheel and a cord bed with a straw-tick in place of springs and spring-filled mattresses as we have today.

Fred's mother had been used to taking the family laundry down to the river where there was a little lake to do the washing which of course had to be rubbed on her hands and carried home. In her garden, which provided a fair share of their living were the simple vegetables e.g. potatoes, cabbage and onions. They had a cow and a field of corn amongst the stubbs and stumps which provided them with corn-meal mush, buckwheat pancakes, beans and their meat was entirely of pork. Other food consisted of Cottage cheese, dark sugar (likely the raw brown molasses type) when they didn't use home-made maple sugar, as most families of that day did.

When Fred got out on his own farm, he is credited with having the first herd of Jersey cows in this area. On the old home place mother and son pulled fox-tail grass for the cow to feed on during the winter. Dresses were made of home-spun flannel and heavy sox hand knit of home-spun wool. Mrs. Min. Phelps made Fred his first suit which had leather on the knees and he wore leather top-boots with copper toes. Wool was bought and made into cloth and clothes were made by hand.

On his own farm, the original timber was cleared off and sold to James Howey in 1917. Walter McDowell got the tops and Minnie and Beulah helped.

He carried on dairy and mixed farming, raising hay and alfalfa, wheat, corn and oats. (East field yielded 33 bushels per acre.) Among the antiques one would expect to find there are old horse-drawn implements and andirons for a fire-place. In the days before refrigerators and deep-freezers, neighbours Walter McDowell, Stanley Backus, Tom Craven and Russell McDowell cut ice and drew it on sleighs which was packed in saw-dust in an ice-house and used to cool milk and butter, etc.

Fred was a conservative in politics and served as Councilman for Bayham Township. His name is mentioned among others in a Tillsonburg paper in 1923.

He was also a member of King Hiram Lodge No. 78, A.F. & A.M. and of the Canadian Order of Foresters.



Minnie Chandler



MR. AND MRS. ALEXANDER CHANDLER

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Chandler were married November 5, 1905, at Corinth by Rev. Lloyd of the Corinth Methodist Church. They took the train from Corinth to Yale, Michigan to visit Mr. and Mrs. Edward Chandler (Mrs. Chandler was the former Clara Kennedy, sister of the bride).

Mrs. Chandler was the former Ida May Kennedy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Kennedy and Mr. Chandler was the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Chandler and a brother to Fred Chandler.

The Chandlers returned to take up housekeeping with Mr. Chandler's mother, Lot 24, Concession 9 in Bayham Township. Here Mr. Chandler farmed, sending milk to the factory.

Taking Mrs. Wm. Chandler with them, they moved to a farm west of Eden (Lot 18, Con. 8, a farm cleared by another pioneer of the community, Albert McDowell). Here they engaged in mixed farming. Their neighbours to the east was the family of Walter McDowell, youngest son of Albert.

Giving up farming, the next move for a few months, was to a house and lot east of Eden (Lot 25, Con. 8). This place was sold to Mrs. Sarah Saunders and the Chandlers moved west of Eden again, buying a place, on top of the hill, from Arthur Cornwall. From there, they moved to Eden, Gray St., and then to the house where Mrs. Chandler now lives (April, 1966). This house was lived in for a while by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hodgson and the Chandlers moved back. This house (Lot 22, Con. 9) was built by the Bowes family and was situated on a road, now closed, which went from the "Fred Bowes" farm through to "Grover Ketchabaw" farm. The building was moved to Eden by Mrs. Archie Kennedy for Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Kennedy and family to live in.

Mr. Chandler worked for J. Harley Howey for some years, but was forced to give up truck driving when his left eye was injured so badly that it had to be removed. He, then, took up salesmanship for Rankin Tea. Mr. and Mrs. Chandler were caretakers of the Eden Public School for a number of years.

Mrs. Chandler is never idle as she has a hobby of quilt and rug making. Mr. Chandler loved to fix old clocks and the house now has the pleasant sound of "The Collection" tick-tocking the minutes away.

In 1955 the couple celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary very quietly. They never mentioned the occasion. Mr. Chandler was not well and he passed away Wednesday Sept. 5, 1956, in Tillsonburg Hospital and was buried in the Eden Cemetery, Sept. 8. He was born Aug. 3, 1883. (age 73).



ALEX & IDA CHANDLER



CHANDLER HOUSE  
(WAS THE BOWES HOUSE  
AT MAPLE GROVE)