

In October 1969, Frank and Viola Crabe bought the Duff house at Middlemarch. After some renovations they moved in at the end of November with their children Penny and Earl. After living there for one winter they decided to build a new house on the site of the old Middlemarch Church. Construction started in May 1970 and in October 1970 they moved into their new red brick bungalow with 6 large rooms. (Three bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, kitchen, dining room, Living room, breezeway or mud room and a double garage. In 1971 they made a three lane paved driveway and a sunroom over the cistern just outside the back door. In 1977 we put a chainlink fence around the back yard. Later they built a barn or garage at the back of the lot for small machinery.

In the summer of 1981 they tore down the sunporch over the cistern, took out one dining room window and made it into a doorway to a new room built on with three windows and a doorway to the back yard. In 1982 they built a wooden patio outside of the dining room window.

Albert Stinchcombe married Mary Eichenburger from Deleware, while at Lambeth. When he moved to Middlemarch, he walked all of the way and led a cow. He took over the blacksmith shop in 1888. It had been moved from the second farm east of Middlemarch. Albert was appointed postmaster in 1890 at one dollar per month, and held that position until he died in 1944 - 58 years.

His son, Trevor Stinchcombe, was postmaster from 1944-1948. He married Mabel Webb and they bought the cottage on the south-east corner of Middlemarch, moved it back and added a basement. They lived there until 1939 when they moved in with Albert Stinchcombe after his wife passed away. There were two other sons - Cleveland and Floyd, who married sisters, Margaret and Laura Ross, whose parents rented the Hunt farm (now owned by J. McNiven). Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Stinchcombe moved to Detroit where their son Albert and his family now live. Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Stinchcombe and their son Donald live in St. Thomas. Donald married Violet Fahner of Port Stanley and they have two girls Lynda and Wendy.

Trevor Stinchcombe played the organ at the Middlemarch church and was caretaker there until it closed. Mabel Stinchcombe sang in the choir, was a Sunday School teacher and active in the Ladies Aid of the Church. Trevor Stinchcombe passed away suddenly while working on the farm of Robert Dowler. Mrs. Stinchcombe sold the store to Mr. and Mrs. Morris Jones of St. Thomas and married Lawrence Flashman of Talbotville.

Mr. and Mrs. Flashman operated a marina at Long Point for several years. Lawrence Flashman passed away.

1983 - Mabel Flashman and her sister Ada Webb are in Elgin Manor Home for the Aged.

Maurice Jones and his wife June had three children Stephen, Phillip and Tara born May 1963. Mrs. Jones' parents lived with them for some time. They sold the home and moved to St. Thomas.

William Dempsey and his wife Sandra had four children - ^{Shawn}~~Sharon~~ born 1958, Kathleen born 1960, David born 1964 and Glenda born 1969. They moved to the United States.

LOT 34 NORTH TALBOT ROAD EAST

March 8, 1827 - John Kellick - Patent - 200 acres

SOUTH PART OF LOT - Clergy Reserve

- 1851 - Wm. Crowden
Josiah Wardell
- 1861 - Geo. Ballantine
- 1863 - James Northwood Futchner
- 1903 - Herbert Futchner - built red brick house
William G. Lyle
Arnold Catt
- 1973 - William Powell - 60 acres front part
Bill Bridges - 120 acres - back part
Patricia Curtis - house, barn and orchard
Robert Curtis - rest of front part

NORTH PART OF LOT

- 1842- Henry Begg - 200 acres
 - 1851 - Henry Begg - 100 acres
 - 1861 - John Begg - 100 acres
Anderson
David Lyle - built red brick house
 - 1951 - Jack Sanders
Beattie Bros.
Jack Sanders
- March 15, 1959 - Jack Annett

SOUTH-EAST CORNER FRONT PART

- William G. Lyle
- Sept. 1973 - Grant Milmine and Pamela his wife
Kuhn

LOT 34 NORTH TALBOT ROAD EAST

This farm belonged and made up part of the Clergy Reserve. In 1883 the south part of this lot belonged to James Northwood Futcher. In 1903, James Futcher and Herbert Futcher exchanged farms. James Futcher became owner of Lot 37 and he and his wife and family went to live there, and Herbert Futcher became owner of Lot 34 and built the red brick house. Herbert Futcher his wife and two sons lived here until they moved to St. Thomas and sold Lot 34 to William G. Lyle. William married Rhea Gooding and lived here. They had a hired man Thomas Markle who ran the farm after the death of William Lyle. Also living with Rhea and William was Rhea Lyle's sister Myrtle.

Rhea Lyle sold the farm to Arnold Catt and family. Rhea built a new home west of Dr. Munroes at the top of the hill.

Arnold and Natalie Catt had three children, Phillip, Ian and Jeannine.

In 1973, Mr. and Mrs. William Powell purchased 60 acres including house, orchard and barn from Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Catt. William Harry Powell born April 16, 1940 married Romilda Gail Barker born May 11, 1944, on February 22, 1964. They have three children: James Roy born June 1, 1965, William Donald born May 14, 1968 and Marika Elizabeth born Dec. 27, 1974.

In 1973 Mervin Bill Bridge purchased the back 120 acres from Arnold Catt.

In the spring of 1979 Robert S. Curtis purchased the part of this lot. Some old out buildings were torn down and the house was renovated and rented. (1983)

NORTH
LOT 34 ~~SOUTH~~ TALBOT ROAD EAST

For many years the farm Lot 34 north part was owned by the Anderson family. When Mr. David Lyle bought this farm, he built the large red brick house. David Lyle died in 1951 and the farm was sold to Jack Sanders. (John M. Sanders of Union)

The farm was owned for a while by the Beattie Bros and later owned again by Jack Sanders. He sold it to Jack Annett on Mar. 15, 1959. Jack worked on the N. Y. C. and later her married Anna Jean Murray of Cowal on Dec. 4, 1959. They took up residence after several different tenants occupied the house. Jack and Anna Jean had five children - Robert Gerald Sept. 25 to Nov. 22, 1961, Allan Lee born Dec. 28, 1962, Diana Joy born Feb. 1, 1965, Nancy Lorraine born April 23, 1969, and Tracy Charmaine born Oct. 13, 1971. (1975)
In 1975 Jack Annett owns N 1/2 Lot 34,35,36 N.T.R.E.



LOT 34 NORTH TALBOT ROAD EAST
(rented)
owner - Mr. and Mrs. R. Curtis



LOT 34 NORTH TALBOT ROAD EAST
J. Kuhn

LOT 35 NORTH TALBOT ROAD EAST

Oct. 24, 1820 - Calvin Witt came from Oxford in Oakland, Michigan
patent - woo acres
1842 - Susan Witt - 200 acres
1851 - Ellair Lodge - 200 acres
1868 - William Yeandell
1871 - William Yeandell

Mr. Weldon
March 1, 1892 - Frank Hobsen

SOUTH PART

1939 - Frank Curtis
Mr. and Mrs. G. McCaig lived in cottage

NORTH PART

1939 - William G. Lyle
Arnold Catt
1973 - William Powell
Robert Curtis

SOUTH-WEST CORNER

William G. Lyle
1973 - Grant Milmine

Calvin Witt built a beautiful log hotel where Colonel Talbot often used to hold his anniversaries. Auction sales were often held there. The first blacksmith shop in this section was on the farm owned by Calvin Witt. The shop was later moved to Lot 33 North Talbot Road East. Mr. Charles Jackson also held Auction Sales here.

LOT 36 NORTH TALBOT ROAD EAST

July 4, 1829 - Charles McGaw- patent - 200 acres
Joe Smith
1842 - Amariah Sutton
1851 - Amariah Sutton
1861 - Amariah Sutton
1871 - Amariah Sutton

Joe Smith sold this property to Amariah Sutton who was born at Dundas near Hamilton in 1807. When 8 yrs of age he moved with his parents to Shedden where he received a fair education and grew into manhood. He cleared the forest mostly of maples and built a frame house. He died in 1884, leaving behind his widow and daughter who are the present owners. (1896).



LOT 36 NORTH TALBOT ROAD EAST



LOT 37 NORTH TALBOT ROAD EAST
Bruce Lyle



LOT 37 NORTH TALBOT ROAD EAST
Hugh Lyle

LOT 37 NORTH TALBOT ROAD EAST

Nov. 29, 1822 - Neverius H. Lee (Hooker) patent - 200 acres

Joseph Smith
1834 - Mr. Woodward (J. K.)
1840 - Thomas Futcher - 200 acres

1939 - Alex Lyle and sons

EAST HALF

1948 - Owned jointly by Bruce and Hugh Lyle. Hugh Lyle
and family reside here.

WEST HALF

Bruce Lyle and family tore down old house and built
new brick home where they now live.

W $\frac{1}{2}$ LOT 37 NORTH SIDE TALBOT ROAD EAST

Alex Lyle married Jessie Northwood Futchter in 1922. They lived at lot 37 in the home built in 1892 by Albert Futchter. The farm having been purchased in 1910. The house was modernized a chimney put up through the middle of the house and electric lighting installed. They had three children Bruce 1924, Hugh 1927, Louise 1929. Alex died in August 1950. The west half of lot 37 was purchased in 1943 from Frank and Dora Dowler. South Fovant farm was purchased from Mr. Baker in 1934, the large home being originally a Casey farm. The name of Fovant farm has been used since then as the farm name.

Bruce Lyle married Eleanor Hutchison and tore down the original Futchter home where he built a brick one story home in 1954. They have three children Nancy married to James Chambers, Paula married to George Seggewiss and Brian married Katherine Hughes.

Bruce Lyle served his Township well. Board member for S. S. 14 Southwold for a number of years until the formation of the Central School area in 1964. He was Councillor from 1964-1969, Deputy Reeve in 1970-1972 and Reeve of the Township of Southwold 1973 and 1974.

There has been a feed lot for cattle and two silos constructed on the property and a new implement building in 1982. This property West Fovant lot 37.

Lot 37 North, Lot 37 South and Lot 38 South make up Fovant Farms Ltd. with Bruce, Hugh, Brian and Sandy partners.

E 1/2 LOT 37 NORTH SIDE TALBOT ROAD EAST

This property is owned jointly by Bruce and Hugh Lyle (1948). It is called East Fovant Farm. Hugh Lyle and family live here. Donna Lyle formerly Donna Ferguson daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Ferguson of Port Stanley. They have five children : Glenn, who has graduated from Mining Engineering from Queen's University in Kingston in 1975. He is living in Kingston and working on his Master's program. Judy, who is in her third year at Queen's on her way to a teaching career. Linda, entering nursing at Victoria Hospital in London. Sandy, real name Donald, in grade XIII at Parkside Collegiate in St. Thomas, and Diane in grade seven at Southwold Public School.

There has been a large feedlot constructed on the original barn and two new silos. One for ensilage (corn) and one partly used for ground corn and the remaining part for corn silage. A fresh water pond has been dug near the back of the farm in the old gravel pit. The woodlot is under supervision of the Dept. of Lands & Forests.

The iron fence at the road was removed when the road was renewed in 1972, and the stone gate posts were widened as all new machinery has become so wide.

Mr. Alex Lyle died in 1950 and Hugh and Donna (married in 1950) moved into this home in 1952. Mrs. Alex Lyle moved across the road to the apartment.

Glenn Lyle married Brenda Manning from Sudbury and they have one child David Alexander born June 13, 1982. Judith married Gerald Bateman Hyde, they have two children Jennifer Colleen born Aug. 5, 1980 and Andrew Lyle born July 1st, 1982. Linda married James Baird Bridges. Donald Alexander (Sandy) and Diane Louise are not married.



LOT 38 NORTH TALBOT ROAD EAST
John L. Begg

LOT 38 NORTH TALBOT ROAD EAST

February 11, 1819 - John Lee - patent - 200 acres

1842 - George Begg - 250 acres

John Begg

John Norman Begg

Lynwood Begg

April 2, 1960 - John Lynwood Begg

Settled by George Begg (1777-1862). Sold to his son John Begg () married Margaret (Nancy). Willed it to his son John Norman Begg (1855-1909) who married Margaret Lane. They had two sons: Aylmer Begg (1883-1915) who died a bachelor, Lynwood Begg (1896-1974) who married Helen F. Barrie on October 21, 1921. They had seven children: Helen - Mrs. H. G. Wilcox, New Sarum - Children

Barbara and Mary
Dora - Mrs. J. E. Steiner - Children - Susan,
John, Sally, Martha
Frances - Mrs. J. R. Murphy - London - Children =
Dana, Michael
Donna - Mrs. D. E. Steepe, California - no children
Betty Anne - Mrs. R. J. Chapman, Toronto - Children
Jim, Marg. Kate
John Lynwood - on farm - bachelor

Aylmer Robert - married Marnie Dowler - Toronto -
Children - Jim, John, Jay

Lynwood and Helen F. (Nellie) Begg celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on October 29, 1970. All their children and their families were home to celebrate with them.

On April 2, 1960 John Lynwood Begg purchased the farm from his Mother and Father - the fifth generation.

The present house was remodelled by his grandfather in the 1900's. He also built the barns. John Lynwood Begg has built two new concrete silos as the one built by his grandfather collapsed in October 1960 (size 14 x 36). It was 50 years old. The first of the new silos was built in the summer of 1961 (size 16 x 60), the second was built in 1977 (size 24x84). It is three times the capacity of the first. In 1942 the old drive barn was remodelled into a pig pen and chicken house.

The stone foundation of the west barn, an old cow and horse stable, was replaced with a cement block wall and the south end was left open for a cattle run. In the same year, 1962, a new cement barnyard and wooden feed bunks were put in. The floors of the north barn, an old grain barn were partly removed in 1971 and 1974 and new concrete floors were poured. Also the stones that the barn set on were replaced with a cement block wall and the front was left open for cattle. The wooden feed bunks were also replaced by concrete and connected to the silos.

Lynwood Begg, John's father, died on November 12, 1974. His mother, Helen F. (Nellie) continues to reside with John Lynwood, who is a bachelor.



C. S. Butler residence
Lot 39 N.T.R.E. circa 1924



LOT 39 NORTH TALBOT ROAD EAST
E. Hoffseummer