

A 105027 Pte. Clair B. Payne



Private Payne joined the Canadian Army in October 1942, going overseas in May 1943. He served a short while in England, then to Italy via South Africa. He returned to Canada in the spring of 1946 and received his honorable discharge in March of the same year.

A 603906 Rfn. C. Russell Dawdy



Rfn. Dawdy enlisted in the army March 8, 1943 at London, Ontario. April 1 went to basic training centre, Ottawa. May 15 went to Terrace, B.C. with Midland Regt. Then to Port Albernie where he joined the Brockville Rifles. From then until August 1944 he was posted to several Canadian points. In August 1944 he went to Jamaica, British West Indies, returning to Canada in April 1946 and received his honorable discharge May 14, 1946

A 108796 Sapper Tom Blackman



Sapper Blackman joined at London, September 1, 1943.

Served with the Engineers of the Canadian Railroad Division in England, France, Germany and Holland.

Received his honorable discharge at London, March 20, 1946.

THE POW FAMILY HOME

Paynes Mills is steeped in early Southwold History.

Mr Henry Payne, an Englishman, built two flour mills in this section described as No. 1 and No. 2.

NO 1--About the year 1839 this mill was built on lot no. 35 South on lot 35 by Kettle Creek. It did a good business in gristing but finally burned down in the early fifties --it was re-built but soon burned down again and the time was never re-built.

NO 2--On lot #34 North on Kettle Creek, about the year 1840--1845 this mill was built on lot 34 North on Kettle Creek, on the same dam site as the Jackson saw-mill. These mills--grist and saw mills, became the property of Henry Berdan Junior who ran these mills successfully for a number of years.

Bargain --sale and release--July 15-1845 between Thomas Kettlewell of the village of Saint Thomas in London District and his wife to Henry Payne beginning sale on March 17 1842.

The deed dated 1878 from Henry Payne to Nathaniel Berdan.

According to the original Deed dated July 8th 1878 Nathaniel Berdan of the Township of Southwold in the County of Elgin--75 acres of the South Easterly part of Lot #30--North on the North branch of Talbot Road between Lots # 34 and # 35 and Easterly angle of said Lot #34 then North 45 degrees West 37 chains and 50 links (more or less) then South 60 degrees West 20 chains and 71 links (more or less) to the limit between lots no. 33 and #34. Then South 45 degrees East 37 chains and 50 links (more or less) to the North branch of the Talbot Road. Then North 60 degrees East 20 chains and 71 links (more or less) to the place of the beginning--Save and except land heretofore sold for a mill site off said lot and to the right to overflow for a pond by the said party of the third part---\$1300 dollars.

In 1902 a young farmer --Hedley Pow of Norfolk County read in the paper about the great boom in railroad lines in St. Thomas and decided he would come to see the great opportunity. However the day he arrived--there was an accident here on the railroad with great loss of life--this discouraged the young Pow farmer and on the advice of Sheriff McCall--he settled on one of Mr McCall's farms and decided he would remain with what he knew best. This farm was North of Shedden where he--his wife Margaret and three children resided until 1912 where the present location was purchased. Here in 1981 THIS Family still resides. Vermont the eldest and only son married in 1941--Katharine Campbell of St. Thomas and they had four children--Marion married W.H. Griffin and resides in B.C.: Alex who has for a number of years been Clerk-Treas. for Southwold married Patricia Laing--they have a son and a daughter; Margaret a nurse also who married L. Lunn they have two little daughters and reside in Hagersville and James H. who married Linda and they have one son and are ranching in Southern Saskatchewan.

Over the years Mr and Mrs Pow Sr. both passed away as did the youngest daughter Hazel but Beryl, a nurse still resides in St. Thomas.

In 1913 the Gas Company sent a pipeline through this District and the Pow family along with other neighbours installed this versatile form of heat and have used it ever since.

The same year Hydro was offered and accepted by many as a great boom to farmers in every capacity. At this time the Hydro Co. reported that the two Cottonwood trees at the entrance to the Pow property were the tallest between Windsor and Niagara Falls. They thrived and grew taller for many years and then finally had to succumb to progress and were cut down to make way for the widening of the Highway No 3.

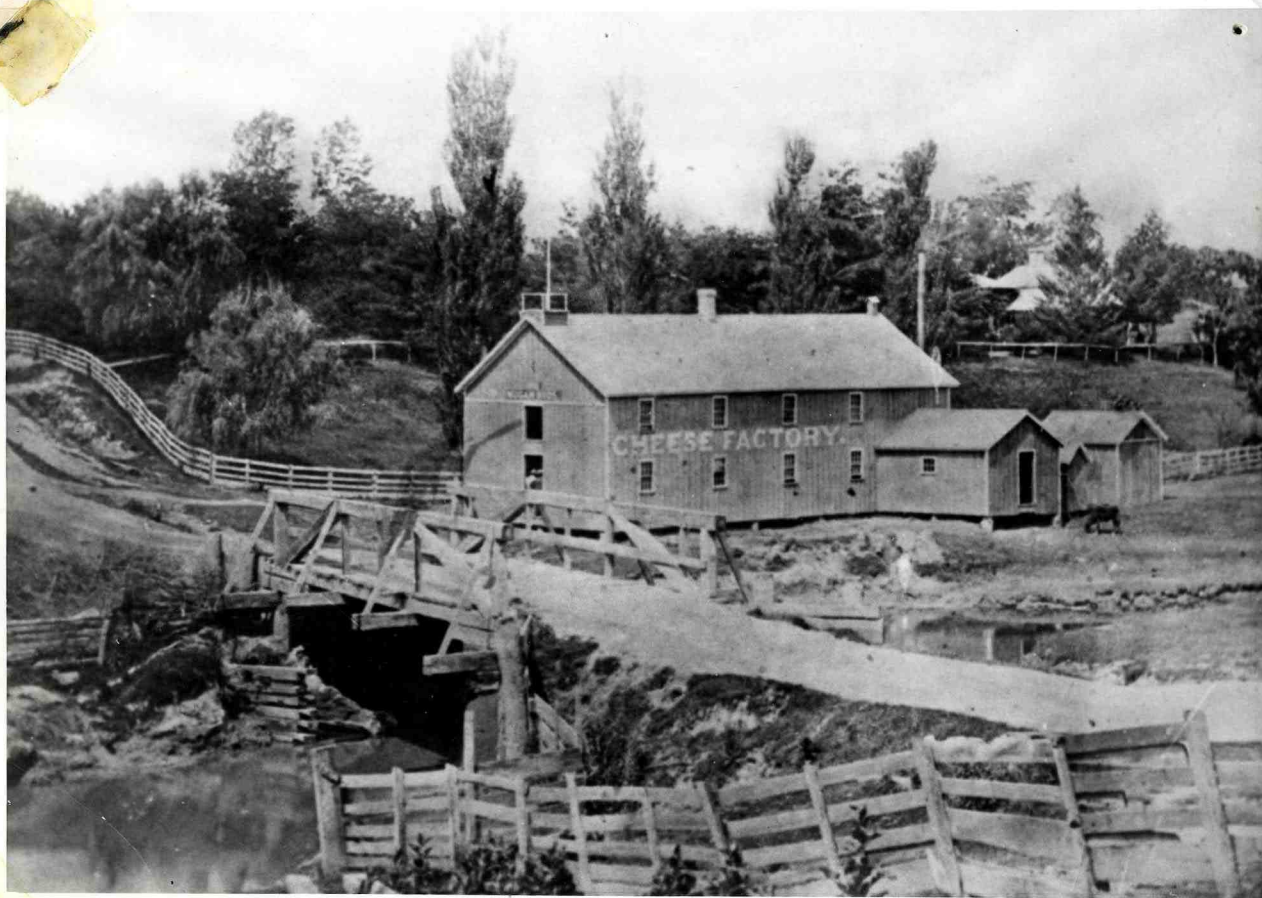
This house, originally Nathaniel Berdans had two extra sections--built at the back with a large verandah extending around the West side of the house--several small evergreen trees had been planted and altho much taller and matted solid in the centre as they grew--remain much the same over these many years.

It is interesting to know that the first grist mill in Elgin County was located on the Paynes sideroad. There was also at one time a Butcher shop--a Grocery store a Tile yard and a Harness shop here at one time. Also a couple of unmarried

ladies of the community ran a shop where weaving on a reel was the occupation they followed. It may also be noted that regular milk delivery was also an early occupation in the village. On a regular basis each evening Vermont started out with his little express wagon filled with pails (hony pails) of fresh warm milk. These were delivered to his regular customers where, in turn, he picked up an 'empty' for next day's delivery.

Later the two side sections of the Pow house were sold and moved to an neighbour's lot as was the drive-shed.

Over the years there have been ~~four~~ bridge replacements. First 2 steel bridges -- these were replaced by two cement bridges and around twelve years ago the Highway No. 3 was again widened and modernized and the large bridge was replaced with a huge culvert to handle the overflow of water in the Spring of the Year.

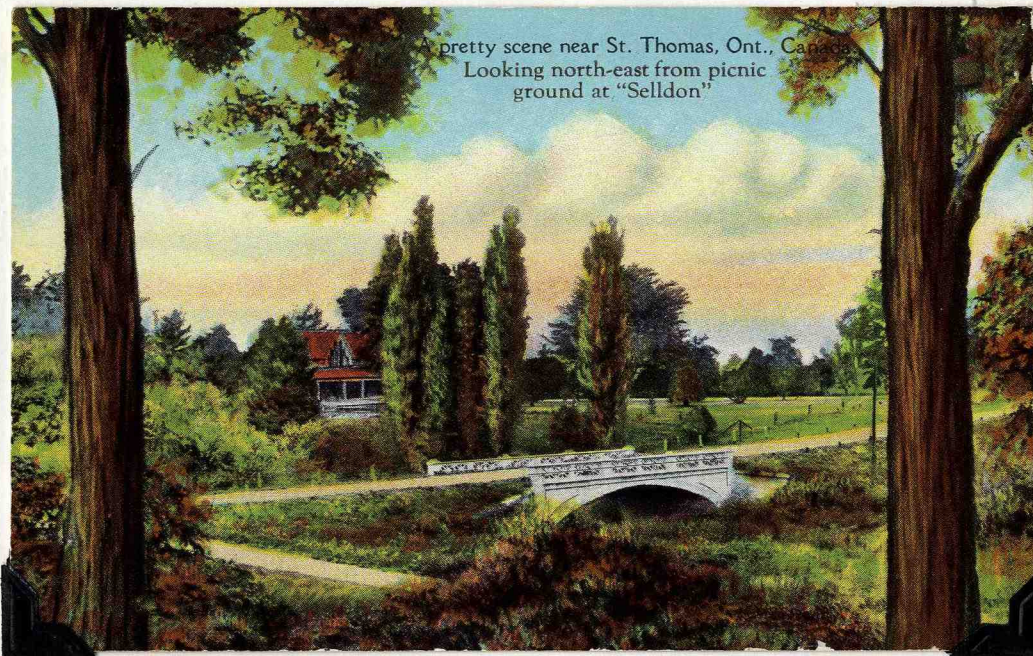


This was an original Paynes Mills Cheese Factory situated in the 'Valley'

In 1933 another farm was purchased -- lot No. 30 on the South side of NO 3. This property has lately be purchased by Vermont's son Alex.

THE POW HOMESTEAD

This picture was taken by a card company travelling along the Highway-- It was published and offered for sale in local book stores---unknown to the Pow



This is the picture of the Mills built in the valley behind and to the left of the Pow home--the remains of the original Mill dam is still quite visible. At this time the road leading to the Mill was below the house along the creek bank.

Previously Mr Henry Payne ran these Mills for a number of years. These were very successful and were later sold to a Mr J. Walker and about the year 1888 were destroyed by fire and never re-built. Mr John Sells also built a steam saw and grist mill on lot No. 33 South which did not prove to be a success, the buildings of which remain standing for many years. Mr John McGugan built a steam saw mill on lot no. 24 third concession, which remained active many years. In the year 1876 they sawed one hundred and thirty thousand feet of walnut lumber. There was also a cheese factory run for a number of years by a joint stock co.--it was known as PAYNES MILLS CHEESEFACTORY. Mr Geo. College ran a Blacksmith shop about this time and a Butcher shop was located and busy near the entrance to the Pow farm and was run by Mr Effrom Lumley

LOT 22 FOURTH CONCESSION.

Lot 22 on the Fourth Concession of Southwold Township, then in the County of Middlesex-District of London and now known as Elgin County this farm consisting of 149 acres, more or less, was bought from the Crown in the reign of Queen Victoria in the year 1847 by David Alliston for 59 pounds and twelve shillings. He cleared off a portion of the land and built a small house, the frame of which is now used for a garage. This was later replaced by the present brick house with an addition later added by his son Richard Alliston who succeeded his father. He married Sarah Bowlby. They had two daughters who now are Mrs Fanny Penty and Mrs Jessie Sherry. In March 1907 Mr Alliston sold this farm to John Bawden and his three sons--Joseph, Frederic and Albert of Yarmouth Township. Mr Bawden originally coming from Cornwall, England in 1884.

They took possession of this farm on April 1st 1907. In June of the same year Joseph died at the age of 22 years. In 1910 and 1913 they remodelled the barns and built two cement silos and have rebuilt all rail fences from rail to wire. In 1922 Albert sold his share out to his father and Fred. Fred has two sons Kenneth born on the farm in 1913 and Walter born in 1920. Kenneth has one son John Keith Bawden, making the four generation to date 1951. Keith married Evelyn Sloan and they have two children---Tony and Jacqueline.

In 1947 they bought the farm directly across the road known as the Down farm where Walter Bawden now married, his wife Molly Royal and their son William Frederick now reside. In 1942 the 100 acres directly north across the road, parts of lot 22 and 23 on Concession 3 known as the David Lewis Gilbert property was bought and is now owned by Kenneth and Walter Bawden.

