

Farms - Cont'd

Lot 5 - W. R. R.

The Adam Fulton farm - Angus McIntosh got the Crown deed in 1881 in January and in March 29, 1881 he sold to Adam Fulton who lived there until his death when the farm became the property of S. A. Fulton.

W. Carter has since bought a corner of the Adam Fulton farm and has a home and garden spot there. He resides there with his wife Emma Kelly Carter and their son Walter.

1961-

They have one daughter RutheAnn.

On the death of Mrs. S.A. Fulton in Dec. 1969 the Adam Fulton farm was left to Murray Fulton.

In 1976 Stephen Fulton, nephew of Murray Fulton, built a new home across from Murray and then sold it to Andy Schaafsma in November, 1977. In 1983 it was sold to Cor and Francis Kingswood from Wallectown.

On April 25, 1980, the piece of property belonging to Murray Fulton opposite his house was sold to Robert Anderson.

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1963 Mrs. S.A. Fulton

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1963 Mr. W. Carter



Andy Schaafsma

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Lot 6 - W. R. R.

The first record shows this lot was owned by P. Brady and later it was bought by Frank Corman and is now owned by Fred Axford & Sons. Fred Axford his wife and family now reside there. Their children are Ella, Harry, Lila and Ronald.

1961-

Mr. Axford passed away Nov. 12, 1959. Harry married Beatrice Laidlaw and built a new home on the farm in 1958. They now have a daughter Paula Elizabeth, a son Dallas.

Ronald graduated from Western University and is on the staff of Peterborough Teachers' College.

Mrs F. Axford passed away July 1965.

1983

Since Mrs. F. Axford's death, Ella, a daughter, has lived in the family home.

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1963 Mr. H. Axford

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Part of Lot 6 - R. R.

This land was settled by William Francis, son of Thomas Francis and Electra Wagner, who emigrated from New York State in 1805 and settled at Stony Creek in Wentworth County where William was born. Thomas Francis was a veteran of 1812 and his father William, who served under Nelson, perished in the conflict. William was married in 1864 to Jessie Davidson, and he had in all 12 children, some by a former marriage. His son Wellington and his wife Millie Parker then settled here. After the house burned they moved to St. Thomas. Magistrate E. Donald Smith is the present owner having moved a dwelling on the land.

This farm was again sold in 1961 to Gordon Beattie.

The small frame home on this property was burned in 1965.

On the death of Mrs. G. Beattie this farm was divided, $\frac{1}{2}$ of the farm went to Kay Metler and $\frac{1}{2}$ plus the house to Louise Smyth, daughters of Gordon Beattie.

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1963 Mr. G. Beattie

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1963 Mr. G. Beattie

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Part of Lot 7

This property now owned by W. A. Metler was first granted to Colin Munro in 1857 and sold to Solomon Lee Thompson on March 20th, 1858. He resided there with his wife Sarah Ann Thompson and their family of ten children. Solomn Thompson died in 1887 and his son David S. Thompson came into possession of the land. He resided there with his wife Elizabeth Green Thompson and their three children until 1915 when he retired to St. Thomas and his son Frank E. Thompson resided with his wife Mabel Harris Thompson and daughter until 1920. It was then sold to William Austin Metler, and his son William David Metler and his wife Kathleen Metler and their children, in all making 5 generations to have lived there.

1961-

Mr. Mrs. W. A. Metler retired from farming in 1959 and live in St. Thomas. Their son W.D. Metler and wife live on the farm. They have five children. Darlene, Marilyn, Gregory, Douglas, Kathy.

1969 - This farm is now owned by a grandson of W.A. Metler Tom Cook.

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This property was formerly owned by J. McNicol and later conveyed to James Dunn and his son Elias lived there after he was married; after his death the farm was sold to Charles Jackson who in turn sold it to Thomas McGaw and his son Frank worked the place after his father's death and it was then sold to A. McIntyre, the present owner who resides there now with his wife Marguerite and children Donald and Harold.

1957-

This farm is now owned by Eli Reck. They have 5 children Robert, Timothy, Rosemary, Susan and Lydia.

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1963 Mr. W.D. Metler

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1963 Mr. E. Reck

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Part of Lot 7

This property, 50 acres owned by J. McNicol and sold to James Dunn who then sold to Dougald Campbell and at his death his son John A. Campbell came into possession.

1961-Mr. H. Reiger now owns this lot.

1970 - This lot was bought by Mr. B. Veenstra from Highgate. They have five children: Robert, Margaret Ann, Jeffery, Laurie Ann, and Karen.

Houses on Part of Lot 8



Henry Mieger



Bert Veenstra

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North East corner of lot 8 . On 2 acres of land kept by Mr. Henry Rieger, from the main farm, was built a new home by himself in 1970.

1969 - On the south east corner of this farm Mr. Ronald Rieger, son of Henry Reiger built a new home.

1983 - Mr. Ronald Rieger's home is now owned by Lawyer D. Gunn.

Houses on Lot 8 R.R.

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1963 Mr. H. Reiger
1969 Mr. B. Veenstra

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1963 Mr. C. Campbell



1969 Mr. R. Reiger

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Part of Lot 8

John Campbell Sr. and his 2 brothers came to Canada from Scotland in 1834. While surveying his prospects of obtaining a piece of property, John stayed with his sister Grace and brother - in - law Donald Graham who had come out in 1831 and who lived on a farm south of Wallacetown and he carried on his trade of shoemaking. He soon discovered a fine piece of property of 100 acres - lot 8, first range, east side of River Road and sent for his wife Jane and 6 children who had stayed behind in Strathaven, Lanarkshire where the children Nancy, John Jr, Mary, Jane, Lachlin and Neil had all been born. It is thought that John Sr. was born in or near Oban, Argyllshire. We do not know where his wife Jane McPherson whom he had married August 12, 1817 was born.

The property John Sr. had chosen as well as much of the land in that section of Southwold township had been set aside by the province of Upper Canada as school reserves, the sale of which was to support grammar schools (i.e. Post-elementary education) and universities. As was usual at that period, many years elapsed between the actual settling on the property and the obtaining of the patent or crown deed. Certain duties such as clearing and fencing the property, planting crops, road-work and house-building had to be fulfilled before application could be made for the patent. The patent for John Sr.'s property was dated 10th December 1846 and John paid 62 pounds 10 shilling for it.

Two more children were born to John and Jane; Dugald and Grace. Their first house, a log cabin near the spring on the other side of the ravine from where the present house stands was replaced in the early 1850's (about 1852) with a new storey and a half brick house. Jane only lived in it a short time for she died 4 December 1853. At that time 3 children were still living at home - Neil, Dugald and Grace. By 1862 only John Sr. and Dugald were left on the homestead. 7 March 1865 Dugald married Sarah Fulton, daughter of James Fulton and Mary Ferguson. John Sr. died 27 September 1868 and left the farm to his youngest son Dugald.

Dugald in the 1870's or 80's renovated the brick house by raising the roof and making a full second storey. A frame summer kitchen and woodshed was added at the rear. In 1890 this kitchen and woodshed were removed and a 2 storey brick addition was made to the original house. Dugald purchased 50 acres, part of the next lot, to make it a 150 acre farm. Dugald and Sarah had 3 children, John Arthur, Mary Ella, and Jennie May.

John A., called Jack, took over the management of the farm from his father. After Jack married Mabel Westlake in 1905, Dugald and Sarah moved into St. Thomas. When Sarah died in 1910 Dugald moved back to the farm where he lived until he died at the age of 85 in 1922 after a fall from trimming one of the maple trees leading up to the farmhouse. Jack and Mabel had 2 children, Helen and Kenneth.

Kenneth gradually took over the farm originally purchased by his great grandfather. He and his wife Eleanor Fenwich had four children; Janice, Kenella, Dugald and Mary. The farm which had been in the Campbell family for over a century and $\frac{1}{4}$ was sold by Kenneth to Henry Rieger in 1961.

The farm now owned by Velma Campbell, part of lot 8, first range west side of River Road and part of lot 39, south Talbot Road East (on Beggs' side-road) was gradually pieced together by the Campbell family. There were 2 original owners of the main farm on River Road - one of 92 acres, the other of 24 acres. 1/ The major portion, 92 acres, of school reserves was purchased by Ashael Spain from the crown for 57 pounds 10 shillings. The deed was recorded 4 May 1832. Ashael and his wife were 2 black people who had escaped many years before from slavery in the United States. They lived in a shanty on the sand knoll in the middle of the farm. When Ashael died, Sarah inherited the farm. She gave the south $\frac{1}{2}$ of the lot (47 acres) to Edward Burke in 1844. He sold it to Dr. George Southwick in 1845. In 1847 Dr. Southwick sold the farm to John Campbell Sr. for 26 pounds 18 shillings. This was the same John Campbell Sr. who had purchased lot 8 on the east side of River Road - directly across the road. John Sr.'s oldest son John Jr. had come to Canada from Scotland with his mother and brothers and sisters in 1835, a year after John Sr. had arrived. John Jr. had been born in Strathaven, Lanarkshire in 1821. In 1849 he married Lydia Robins whose brother Adam lived on lot 6 on the East River Road. Lydia and Adam were born in Cookberry near Holsworthy, Devonshire, England and had come to Canada in 1836 with their parents.

The Campbell family erected a frame house on the 47 acre property which belonged to John Campbell Sr. and John Jr., Lydia and their baby daughter moved in in 1851. This was the house that served the Campbell family for the next 65 years.

John Campbell Jr. bought the 47 acres from his father for 100 pounds in 1857. In the 1860's he planted an apple orchard to the north of the house. For many years the farm was known as Apple Grove farm. John rented the land from Sarah Spain, who was then Mrs. Denis Harrison. When Sarah died intestate and without heirs the land - her 45 acres - reverted to the crown. It was sold by public auction 7 June 1879 and John Campbell Jr. was Purchaser.

2/ The second original owner, this time of the 24 acre clergy reserve - lot no. 8 in the second range west of River Road was John Campbell (no relation to "our" Campbell family.) He bought the 24 acres from the crown in 1852 and 18 months later sold $\frac{1}{2}$ of his lot to John Campbell Jr. and the other $\frac{1}{2}$ to Sebastian Bloom. By 1864 John Campbell Jr. had succeeded in buying 8 of the 12 "Bloom" acres but the remaining acres were not obtained by the Campbell's until 1903 when John's son George purchased what was then known as the Avery farm. It had been owned by the Sieberts' and the McKillops after the Blooms.

In 1846 John Campbell obtained the first threshing machine in Elgin County. It was a spike machine propelled by horses going around and around in a circular motion. Later, he bought a horse-drawn steam engine and travelled widely around the county threshing grain and seed.

John Jr. and Lydia had 8 children, 5 of whom reached adulthood. They were Lydia Ann, Jennie, Grace, Neil and George.

After their father died in 1892, Neil and George farmed together. Neil married in 1894, sold his share of the farm to his brother and moved to West Elgin. Lydia, their mother died in 1895 and George lived with his 3 sisters until he married Etta Curtis in 1899. George then bought a house on Stanley St. in St. Thomas for his sisters and he became sole proprietor of the farm. He added to the home farm by purchasing the "other place", 40 acres on Beggs' sideroad. In 1916 the old frame house was torn down and a new red brick house was erected with the family doing much of the work such as digging the basement, drawing the bricks etc. Unfortunately George was not destined to live in his new house for long. He died 8 November 1921 at the age of 52. George and Etta had 3 children, Curtis, Neil, and Jean.

Curtis, age 21 and Neil, 19, took over the running of the farm which they did together until Neil married Bessie Grass in 1926. Neil sold his share of the farm to Curtis and moved to a farm on the Mill Road. Curtis and his mother Etta remained on the farm alone until Curtis married Velma Lanning 20 January 1937. Etta continued to live on the farm until 2 years before her death in 1965. Curtis remained actively farming until he died 7 April 1986 at the age of 86. Curtis and Velma had 3 children; Jeannette, Colin, and John. Jeannette became a high school French teacher, married Jack Tyson and lives in Toronto with Jack and their 4 children. Colin is production manager of the Elgin Co-op in St. Thomas, is married to Doreen Fleischhauer, has a daughter and a son and helps his mother in running the farm. John, who was living on the farm, died at the age of 27 in 1975 in a car accident.

J. Curtis Campbell

J. Curtis Campbell, of RR 5, St. Thomas, an Elgin County farmer, passed away suddenly today, Tuesday, April 8, 1986, at St. Thomas-Elgin General Hospital. He was 86.

Mr. Campbell was born at RR 5, St. Thomas, on April 2, 1900, the son of the late George and Etta (Curtis) Campbell, and lived and farmed on the family's century farm all his life.

He was a member of Knox Presbyterian Church and a church

elder for more than 50 years.

He is survived by his wife, Velma (Lanning) Campbell; a son, Colin G., of 19 Thompson Avenue; a daughter, Mrs. Jack (Jeannette) Tyson, of Toronto; and six grandchildren, David and Heather Campbell, and James, Robert, Thomas and Susanna Tyson.

A son, John H. Campbell, died in 1975, and a brother, Neil D. Campbell, and sister, Jean Brown, also died previously.

A number of nieces and nephews also survive.

Resting at Williams Funeral Home, 45 Elgin Street, for visitation today from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Wednesday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., and where the funeral service is to be held Thursday at 1:30 p.m. with Rev. Dr. H. S. Rodney, of Knox Presbyterian Church, officiating. Interment in St. Thomas Cemetery.

Remembrances to the Ontario Heart and Stroke Foundation.

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Lot 7 W. R. R.- 2nd range

Neil Munro of Irish Descent, first settled this farm, he being the son of John Munro and born in 1845. Later the farm was sold to George Small and tenants occupied it several years, namely - Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Joiner, Mr. and Mrs Roulston, and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Smith. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Barrie from Scotland then bought the farm and lived there with their family of 8 children until Mr. Barrie's death when the farm was sold to Elton Malotte. Since then it has changed ownership many time, the present owner being Mr. Rivers.

1961-

This farm is now owned by Deward Siple and his wife Jean. They have 2 children a boy and a girl.

1981 - this farm was sold to Robert M. Anderson.

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1963 Mr. D. Siple

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Lot 6 - 4th range W.R.R.

The farm known as the McIntyre farm on W.R.R. consists of several parcels of land. Malcolm McIntyre got the crown deed in 1866. His son Ewen McIntyre acquired the farm on the death of his father in 1879.

Ewen McIntyre died in 1924 and left the farm to his sons John and James. On the death of John and James their two sisters were left the farm. It is now owned by Fatcher Begg. At one time the north part of this farm was owned by a Brother of Malcom McIntyre and John and Mary Sutton. The house on this part of the farm burned down many years ago.

1983 - this lot is now owned by Mr. Fatcher Begg.

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1970 Mr. F. Begg

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Part of Lot 6 W. R. R.

Chas. Kains was one of the first settlers on this farm, he being the son of George Kain who emigrated from England and settled in Grenville, in the Province of Quebec where Chas. Kains was born in 1851. Mr. G. Kains was a merchant by occupation and had 9 children, Charles being one of them. He married Christina Crane and they had one child. Chas. Joiner St. was the next owner and at his death Chester his son, took over the farm. Later Frank Joiner and his wife accupied the farm. Frank Jones then bought the farm and lives there with his wife and son Leslie.

1961-

Frank Jones passed away, and his son Leslie and his wife reside in a new house on the farm, and Mrs. Jones resides in the original house on the farm.

1983

On the death of Mrs. Frank Jones this farm went to a son, Leslie Jones.

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1963 Mrs. F. Jones

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1963 Mr. L. Jones

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Lot No. 5 in 2nd Range W. of R. R.

This land was purchased from the crown on Nov. 16, 1862 for \$350.00 by Geo. Lawton and in 1867 this land was sold to Jas. Fulton. Mr. Lawton had given a piece of land from his farm for a school site and a school house was built there, just around the corner from the present one. In 1897 Mr. H. Fulton, son of James, bought the old school lot for \$.50 and in 1909 A. Ward, an Englishman and his family bought the farm which was sold in 1916 to W. Coleman and his wife Elsie Wilton Coleman. They had three children: Joseph, now going to O.A.C. in Guelph; Marion, a Public Health Nurse in Galt; and Francis, at home.

1961

Mr. Coleman passed away in 1945 and Mrs. Coleman in June 1947. Marion married Ed Unger, a lawyer in London. Joe married and is living in Toronto. Francis lives at Lyons. The farm is now owned by Andrew Gajdos.

1971

On December 15, 1971 Robert Anderson bought this farm.

House on Lot 5 2nd. range W. of R.R.

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1963 Mr. A. Gajdos

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South East Portion Lot #2-1st. range east of River Road and south portion Lot #3 on 1st. range east and north east.
Gore Lot #3 -1st. range - West River Road.

This farm first belonged to Hugh Fulton of Ireland, as he had never married he left the farm, when he died to Henry Fulton son of "his brother James," upon Henry's death it was left to his family, Leslie, Clarence, Estelle, Madaline, and they sold it to D.B. McPherson wife and family, Jean, Agnes, James, Finlay and Catherine. Mrs. McPherson passed away on May 29, 1955. Mr. McPherson resided on the farm until 1960 when he went to live with his daughter Jean in St. Thomas, the farm land is now rented out.

The house on this farm was burned down in 1962.

Mr. D.B. McPherson passed away in Oct. 1965, and the farm was sold to Mr. George Goodhue.

Houses on South East portion Lot 2 1st. range
east of R.R.

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1963 Mr. D.B. McPherson

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Lot 5 - 2nd range S. W. of Mill Road

Settled by Thomas and Harriet Jackson, in 1837. They had 8 children: William, Jonathan, Samuel, Charles, Arthur, Ella, Louise, Hannah.

Louise married Henry Fulton. Their sons Leslie and Clarence and wife now own and reside on the Jackson farm.

Mrs. Clarence Fulton passed away in May 1962.

Bill Parks, nephew of Clarence and Leslie Fulton now owns it. He was left it on the death of Clarence.

Bill Parks sold the farm to Adrian Brooyman.

The Hanes place across the road was left to another nephew, Earl Nugent.

Lot 5 - 2nd Range S. W. of Mill Road



Adrian Brooyman



Earl Nugent

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Lot - 4 E of Mill Rd. 1 st. range.

This farm was settled by Adam Fulton who came from Ireland in 1836.

He married Margaret McIntosh. One of their family of 10 children was George. He married Euphemia Walker. They had 2 children, Pearl and Marybelle (Mrs. Darrach) she had 2 children Fulton and Geanalta (Mrs. Fergus Cron) On the death of Pearl Mrs. Darrach and Fulton the farm passed to Mrs. Cron.

Mrs. Cron passed away in 1967 and the farm passed on to her son William G. F. Cron who was married in 1969, and are now residing on this farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cron have two children, Nicole and Kevin.

Lot 4 E of Mill Rd. 1st. range

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1961 - Mrs. F. Cron
1969 - Mr. Wm. G. F. Cron