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PLACES OF INTEREST.

"The Lawton Place"	1845	Lawtons
"The Doan Place-Daniel Gunn"	1860	Kishimota Bros.
"The Arthur Clark Home"	1880	Bob Harvey
"The Squire Smith Home"	1878	Otto Schneider
"The Jay House"	1892	Ray German
"The Cole House"	1880	Mrs. Earl Cole
"The Moore House"	1826	Sam McLorn
"The Russ House"	1820	Harvey Nicholson
"The Tansley Home"	1875	Roy Tansley
"The Prior Farm"	1870	Mrs. Verne Crosby
"The Asa Schooley Place"	1852	Noble Haight
David Roberts Home"	1862	Thomas Roberts
"The John Minard Home"	1830	George Wylie
"The Dennis Homestead	1845	George Dennis
"The Amos Rogers Farm"	1872	Sam McLorn
"The Mann Home"	1872	Mr. & Mrs. Geo. Withenshaw
"Cora Matheson Home"	1850	Lew Edison
"The Haight House"	1837	Paul Zavitz
"The Vercoe Home"	1853	Bob Harvey
"The Donnelly Place"	1850	Ray Little
"The Kipp Place"	1845	Sanderson Estate
"The Ben Sanderson Home"	1840	Sanderson Estate
	1850	Marguerite Weir
"The Mud Cottage"	1830	David Colledge
"The Smith Estate"	1865	Ed Smith
"The Melvin Wood Home"	1845	Charles Warren
	1855	Mrs. Sherman
"The Fathergill Home"	1856	Bob Harvey
"The H.B. Smith Home"	1842	Cyril Crocker
"The Abbey"	1840	Bob Harvey
"The Ollie House"	1838	Bruce Tansley
"The Strausseeur Home"	1845	Fishleigh's
	1860	Joe Honsinger
"The Gunn Home"	1840	Mrs. Churchill
"The Vary House"	1834	Mrs. J. Harvey
	1840	Esmond Smith
"The Cobblestone House"	1871	Don Mills

STORES

"Oille's Store"	1846	Norman Oille
"Gorvetts Store"	1846	Eugene Roloson
"Butcher Shop"	1840	Theo Webber
"Hardware"	1845	Ray Beck





Home of Calvin Russ

Built in 1820



The Lawton Home.



## RUSS

Calvin Russ Sr. came out from England and settled in the Grimsby district and in 1820 he started out in search of water and decided to locate three miles north of Sparta because of the never-failing spring that runs between the barn and house. The land was purchased from Colonel Talbot. Mr. Russ wished his house to face the road and as the land there was very boggy he spent his evenings filling in with earth and getting a substantial foundation for the new house. The bricks used to construct the house were made about thirty rods east, the clay being tramped by oxen and the bricks shaped in place by a very crude method - they were cut out with a spade. The house is very sturdily built, there being five courses of solid brick to construct the walls. The joists are 3"x12" and 35' long. Before the house was remodelled, the upstairs consisted of one bedroom and one large ballroom. The history of the home is in a bottle under the south-east foundation. After Calvin Sr.'s death, the farm was handed down to Calvin Jr. and then left to Sinclair Russ - the owner in 1948.

## LAWTON

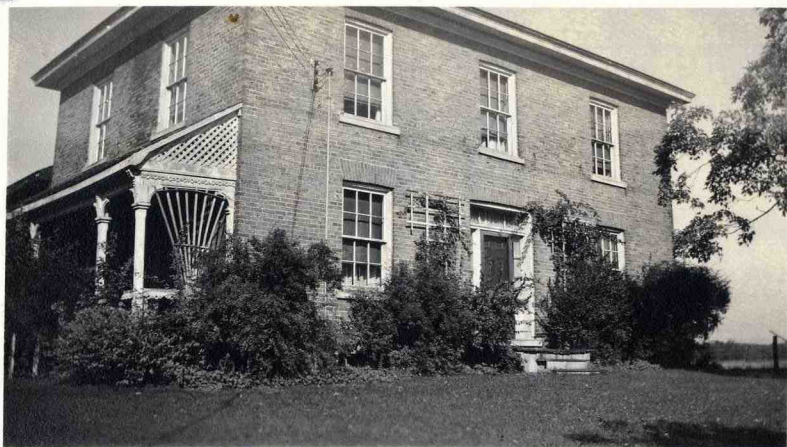
George Lawton was born in England about 1760 and came to Canada in 1818 accompanied by his wife and son, John Lawton, seven years of age. He bought from the Crown the farm that was later known as Lot 14, Concession 3, Yarmouth Township.

George Lawton was a very prominent and well-educated man, being known in those days as a Land Surveyor. He assisted in surveying the roads and farms of this district. He died in 1840 and left the farm to his son, John Lawton.

John Lawton married Jane Misner in 1841. At his death in 1881 his son, George Alexander, who was born on this farm in 1847, became the owner. In the year 1871 he married Roxanna Carr. From this marriage eight children were born. George A. Lawton died in 1938 at the age of ninety-one years.

In the year 1920 this land was purchased by Harvey L., son of George Alexander Lawton, who still owns it and has lived on the said property since birth. Since 1938 his farm has been managed and worked by his sons, Harry E. and Charles L. Lawton. They each have children, which makes the sixth generation of Lawtons living on this farm since it was purchased from the Crown.





Daniel Gunn Home.  
on the original Jonathan  
Doan property

DANIEL GUNN HOME.

This was the original Jonathan Doan property. Here Jonathan had his tannery and on this farm was built the first Friends Meeting House of logs. This was Crown land.

After passing from the Doan heirs Joseph Baker bought it and built this house around 1860.

Some who have lived on the farm are Daniel Gunn, Charles Rundell, David White, Archie Laidlaw and William Arthur.