



Wallacetown W.I.

BOOK III

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In July 1980, Mrs. Gertrude Sloan became Tweedsmuir Curator of the Mallacettown Institute. She served in this position until her death in January, 1991.

Her daughter, Mrs Barbara Robb did the typing for her mother who had collected and recorded information from many sources. Many of the pictures were taken by her assistant, Mrs Helen VanBrenk, Mrs. Barbara Robb and those of the community who supplied information for this book.

In late 1990-91 Mrs. Helen VanBrenk and Mrs Dorothy Robson completed the book.

Gertrude was also curator of the district Tweedsmuir History.
She was sec. treas. of the London area Tweedsmuir workshop.

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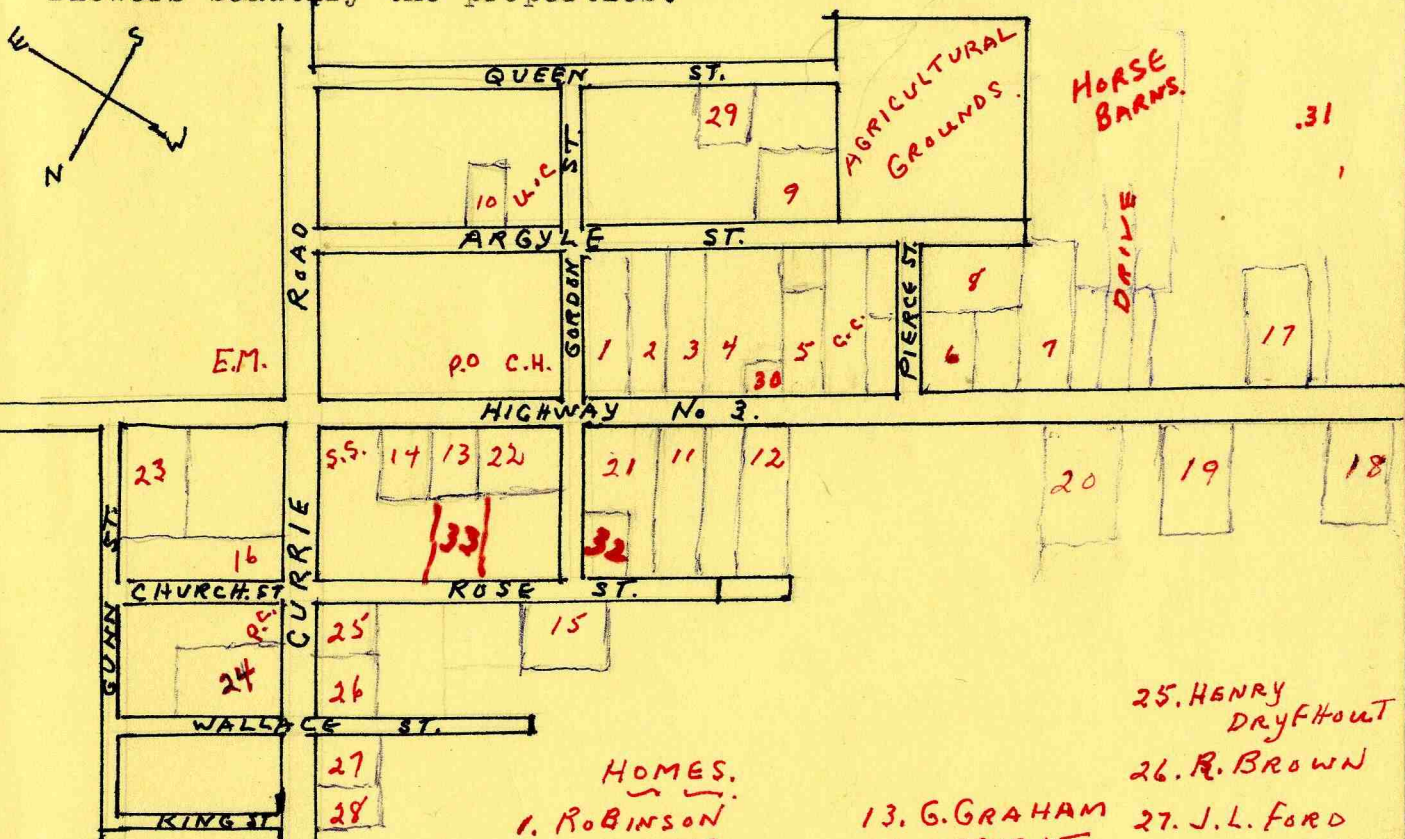
HOMIES

1983 - 1984.

Introduction

In the following pages I have tried to trace the owners of some of the older homes in the hamlet of Wallacetown, back to the time of Colonel Talbot. I have visited the registry office and I hope that the information I have acquired there will prove to be interesting and informative. It is impossible to determine, from the records there, the year in which these homes were built. In the early years, there may have been a smaller log or frame house, but many of these homes appear to have some of the original beams, indicating that they were constructed in the latter half of the 19th Century.

Over the years, all homes have had additions put on and renovations made as newer techniques in heating, lighting and modern appliances became available to each generation. Most homes have been insulated and various types of siding installed over the original boards and many trees, shrubs and flower flowers beautify the properties.



HOMES.

- EM. - ELGIN MOTORS
- S.S. - SERVICE STATION
- P.O. - POST OFFICE
- C.H. - COMMUNITY HALL
- U.C. - UNITED CHURCH
- P.C. - PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
- C.C. - CATHOLIC CHURCH.

1. ROBINSON
2. LIDSTER
3. HICKS.
4. LUCAS.
5. SMALL.
6. LEITCH.
7. M. WEBSTER
8. MORAN.
9. ARMSTRONG
10. N. SUTTON.
11. SCALIA.
12. STEINER.

13. G. GRAHAM
14. WRIGHT
15. SLOAN
16. D. LAMB
17. W. WEBSTER.
18. HANK DRYFOOT
19. LYONS HOLME
20. N. WELCH.
21. L. PAUL
22. L. LAMB.
23. H. VAN DOERSPRONK
24. G. LAMB.
25. HENRY DRYFOOT
26. R. BROWN
27. J. L. FORD
28. A. MAC FARLANE
29. W. MILLER.
30. H. LUNDEHN.
31. S. PEARCE FARM.
32. G. KALITA (J. HARRISON)
33. F. DROWILLAND



MAY 1954



1965 (TAKEN BY MRS. R.
ROBINSON)

Robinson Home

The lots where this home stands on the corner of Gordon Street and #3 Highway, were originally sold by Colonel Thomas Talbot to Donald Currie, who had come from Argyleshire, Scotland in 1833. Further owners were Alexander Rose in 1855; Angus McKay in 1858; Thomas Luton in 1865; Robert Jordan in 1874; Margaret McKellar in 1880 and Alexander McCallum in 1883. The home was occupied for many years by the McCallum family, the last survivor being Margaret. Upon her death around 1952, the estate was divided among nieces and nephews. The home was sold to Milton and Lenore Berry but was purchased in 1954 by Robert and Rachel Robinson of Windsor. The Robinsons commuted back and forth while they were making extensive renovations to the home which was in a badly run down condition when purchased. One bedroom and front hall still have the original ornamental design on the ceilings, but panelling was installed in many rooms. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson moved to this home in 1960 upon Mr. Robinson's retirement.

The large lot was beautifully landscaped and still is a show place in summer. Mr. Robinson passed away in 1964, but Mrs. Robinson still resides here.

In the spring of 1984, Mrs. Robinson left her home to reside at the Robert Convalescent Home in Dutton and in the fall the home was sold to Jim and Lynn Lamb and family, who reside here now.

In 1986, the home was sold to Ed and Grace Ford. They have two daughters, Brenda and Debbie.



TAKEN
1983

(By B. Robb)

Lidster Home

This lot adjoining the Robinson lot, had been bought by Donald Currie in 1833; then sold to Sam Burwell in 1853; to John Liddell in 1856; to Duguld Campbell in 1857; Randall Campbell in 1866; Thomas and John Cusack in 1869; Wm. Cusack in 1872; Miss Emily Cusack in 1910 and she and her neice Eva lived there and acted as postmasters for many years until 1938. Eva was married to Robert Dunsmore, in the 1940's. They resided in St. Thomas for a short while and then returned to reside in this house. Following the deaths of Emily in 1951 and the Dunsmares' in the late 1950's, the home was sold in 1961 to Rev. John and Constance Graham, a retired Anglican Clergyman and his wife. They moved here in 1963 after making some renovations to the home. Rev. Graham passed away in 1972 and Mrs. Graham resided here until 1978, when she moved to an apartment in Dutton. The residence was purchased by William and Jacqueline Lidster and Bill's mother, Mrs. Harold (Nettie) Lidster resides there now.