

Pat and Catherine Waite's Home at R. H. 2. Wallacetown.



Photo taken
by
Helen VanBuren
fall of 1988.

This home on the farm of Pat and Kay Waite is situated on Lot 16, Concessions 11 and 12, very close to Lake Erie and is about one mile south of the main Lake Road.

On this farm there used to be a low lying peninsula on which there was a wild plum grove and that is how Plum Point got its name. About 1907, the Bessemer sand and this grove was washed away during a fierce storm. For many years, a fishery operated at Plum Point which was on part of this farm. Harry Drongols was the operator. In later years the fishery was moved to the neighboring farm of Charles Dord.

Around 1870 to 1880 this land was owned by Douglas Campbell who also owned other lands in the area. In 1897 the farm was bought by John Halpin and 1932 it passed to his son Andrew James Halpin. In 1953 it was sold to Pat and Catherine Waite. They had four daughters and one son who have all been educated and moved away.

This farm contains 100 acres and Pat owns and works two other farms in the neighboring community.

The home has had many improvements and renovations done over the years, as Pat is a carpenter as well as a farmer.

Dave and Joy Westlake's Home at R#1, Hallacetown



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a picture
in the
Elgin
Farmer.

Spring 1988.

This farm is located on Lot 5 and 6, Con. 8 Division, on the south side of Highway 3, about one mile west of Cypress Corners. Most of the land in this area was sold by Colonel Talbot to George W. Deitz and then in 1866 Angus Gunn is mentioned and 1878 Henry and Eliza Garbutt owned some of the farms in this area. In 1886 Bentley and Mary Defton bought the acreage east of this farm on the corner. In 1888 John Telford owned Lot 5 and 6 and he built the house which stands now. It is a two and a half story yellow brick house. Little has been changed in the Victorian charm found within the house which features numerous extras. The interior boasts detailed wainscoting in the dining room, done in a paneling effect with each panel featuring mitred angled boards.

A sliding set of double wooden doors leads from the dining room into the living room which has high baseboard trim.

Delicate stained glass is featured in both the living and dining room windows. Colored glass is also found in the other front window. The foyer staircase has a unique reveal post and two landings.

This property was once the site of a brick factory. The house and many in the neighborhood are made with the slightly larger and narrower brick. A slight design variation was placed in the front window to add a note of interest. The exterior also featured fish scaling along the top of the second story.

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The farm contains 65 acres and in 1910 it was owned by Joseph and Elizabeth Venning; in 1944 Gordon and Kathleen Ford became the owners. In 1962 Cornelius and Frances Kingwood bought the property. They erected several greenhouses and went into market gardening. In 1983 it was sold to Dave and Joy Westelaken who still operate the market gardening aspect of the farm.

Home of John Finlayson

This farm is situated on
Conc. 9 Lot 17.

In March 1889 Joshua
Bobier and family bought land
from William Lodge.

1893 - John Bobier (another of
Joshua's sons) bought what is
now Finlayson's.



Pictured to the left: Henry and Mary
Catherine Bobier's 50th Anniversary
in 1944. They were married Dec. 21, 1893



Photo taken by Helen Van Breda Spring 1991.

Pictured to the right: Finlayson home built by the Bobiers.
1914 - Henry Bobier bought his brother John's farm and John moved
to Delaware Township.

1949 - John H. Bobier took over the farm after his father's death.

1973 - John H. Bobier sold to Roy Pederson.

1987 - Roy Pederson sold to John Finlayson's.

17 This form is situated on 9th Con Lot
of Dunwich Township.

John Finlayson home
as it appeared before the
porch was removed.

In March 1889 Joshua Bobier bought land
from William Lodge, this house was
built by the Bobiers in 1893 John Bobier to
Henry Bobier John H. Bobier to Roy
Pederson. Over the last ten years
have had numerous owners.



The R.E. Swallowell Home



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Located on Conc. 10, Lot 18

House was built in 1876 by John Bobier.

James Small who married Mary Campbell bought the farm in 1882.
Clarence Small was raised there where he lived until
his retirement.

In 1964 he moved to Wallacetown after selling the
farm to Harry Wood.

In 1986 the farm was sold to R.E. Swallowell.

Gordon Bedford Home



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by
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Situated on Conc. 9 Lot 17 & 18
In March 1889 Joshua Bobier & Family bought land
from William Lodge.
In 1893, Edward Bobier (Joshua's son) bought the farm.
Edward and John Bobier built the present houses at
the same time.
In 1927 - Edward Bobier sold his farm to Ezra
Bedford and moved to Dutton to what is now
the main house of the Bobier Convalescent Home.
In 1941 - Ezra Bedford died and his wife Annie
Pearl Bedford took over the farm.
In 1982 - Annie Pearl Bedford died and her son
Gordon Bedford has the farm.

Douglas Simpson Farm



Home built for John E. Pearce in 1914



Original home built in the 1850's

This farm is south of Wallacetown being parts of Lots 10 & 11, Conc. 9, Dunwich, being part of the lands originally granted to Colonel Talbot by the crown.

In 1864 John Pearce obtained this land from Colonel Talbot.

In 1871 - 142 acres of this farm was sold by John Pearce to Thomas L. Pearce.

In Jan. 1879 the remaining 57 acres was bought from John Pearce by Thomas L. Pearce.

In Dec. 1914 - 157 acres was sold by Thomas L. Pearce to his son John E. Pearce.

In 1920 John E. Pearce purchased the balance of the farm from Thomas L. Pearce Estate.

In Sept. 1956 Douglas + Marjorie Simpson bought the farm from John E. Pearce being the first owners outside the Pearce name of the farm since originally purchased from Colonel Talbot.

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1. Adelaide (Hunter) Hoodless was born in 1847, 1857, 1867, on a farm near Stoney Creek, Guelph, St. George.
2. She was one of 9, 11, 13, 15. children.
3. Following her marriage to John Hoodless, a furniture dealer, she went to live in Hamilton, Guelph, Brantford.
4. She had 2, 4, 6, children.
5. At the age of eighteen months her young son died as a result of flu, small pox, impure milk.
6. She devoted her life to teaching domestic science, educating mothers, working in the Y.W.C.A.
7. Her ideas were said by the Press to be interesting, practical, wild.
8. The first W.I. in the world was organized in Hamilton, St. George, Stoney Creek.
9. Mr. Erland Lee, having previously heard her speak, invited her to address a Farmers Institute Ladies night, a Presbyterian church gathering, an Experimental Union meeting.
10. By the year 1907, ten years after the first W.I. was formed, there were 200, 300, 400 branches with 51,234, 71,154, 84,261 members.