



89 Talbot St
owned by Earl
Gowan.

Built in 1900
Dave & Nancy Gowan own
it today 1999.



91 Talbot St
owned by Larry
& Annette Hughes.

Built in 1900.
Angelo & Kimberly Mendonca
own it today 1999.



11 Rose St.
owned by
Kurt & Joyce Lohrum.
Built in 1967



28 Talbot St
owned by
Janet McEntyre.
House built in 1951



35 Talbot St.
Owned by
Leunis & Wilma
Cardol.
Built in 1990.



17 Rose St.
Owned by Sharon
and Wayne Gaudon
Built in 1992. Nov.



13 Rose St
Helen and Don
Campbell owned
this house. Built 1992-

OLD DEER

FARMERS.

Farmer's Institute

March 5th, 1896

The Farmer's Institute held a session in Rodney on Thursday. Mr. S.P. Zavitz of Coldstream spoke on "How to grow an Orchard".

He said "have the land thoroughly drained. The land should be ploughed in the fall and thoroughly cultivated before planting and trees should be planted in perfectly straight rows and leaning a little to the southwest, as our prevailing winds come from the southwest.

The trees leaning to the northeast gives the sun a better chance to injure the bark of trees and the borer seems to work worse in them."

He found that corn was a splendid crop to grow in an orchard, as it gives a good deal of protection to the growing tree.

"Trimming the tree was needed from the first, so that in after years large limbs would not have to be cut off to give the tree shape. Good spraying should largely destroy the ravages of the codling moth, as well as preventing blight.

Tramping the snow solid around the body of the tree prevents injury from mice."

INTRODUCTION
1992 - 1993

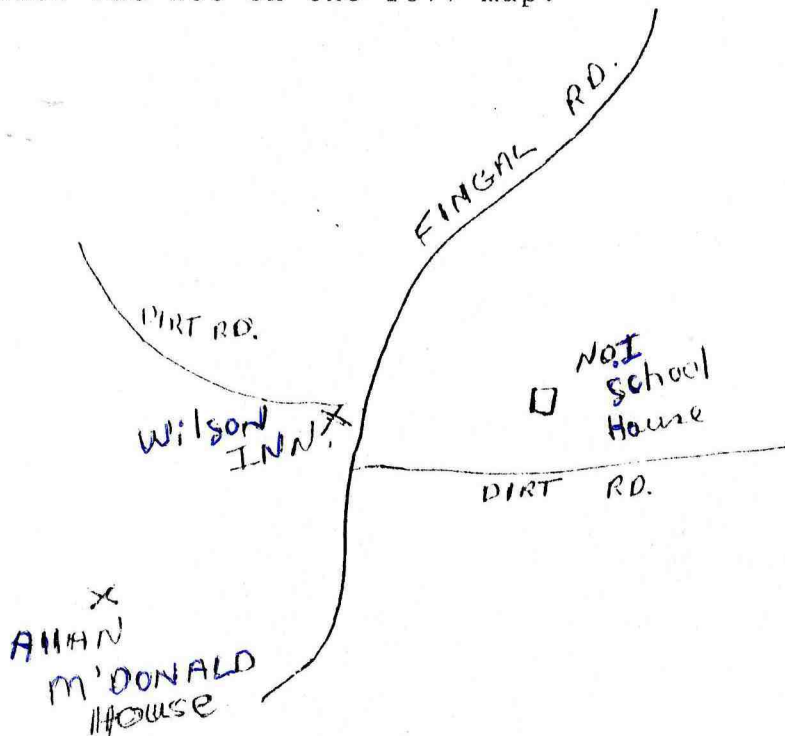
In the following pages I have tried to trace the owners of some of the older farms in the Township of Dunwich, back to the time of Colonel Talbot. I have visited the Registry Office in St. Thomas, Ontario. It is impossible to determine from the records their, the year in which these homes were built on the farms. In the early years there were smaller log or frames houses, many of these homes appear to have some of the original beams. At the Registry Office it is very difficult to determine which parcel of land they were talking about as it was all in one lot. The roads are different these days also.

Helen Van Brenk took most of the photos for this book and Janet Zettler did the typing.

TWEEDSMUIR CURATOR

HELEN VAN BRENK

Colonel Talbot would close at 12 noon so the people were sent away who wanted land. They did not go all the way back to Wallacetown to stay the night. There was a house called the Wilson Inn, and they would stay the night then go back the next day to Colonel Talbot and ask for some land. The Inn or house was not on the 1877 map.



Nearly opposite the present school stood, NO. 1 school house, an hotel kept by Peter Wilson. Evidently the proprietor was keep busy, for many a night, he and his family had to sleep on the floor in order that travellers might have proper accomodation. This was the stopping place of all persons coming to see Colonel Talbot to get land. The Colonel transacted no business after 12 o'clock noon, so all persons arriving after this time generally remained at Wilson's Inn until morning.

HUGH BREEN FARM (HOME)

This farm is located on the 10th Concession, Lot B of Dunwich Township. This land was given to Colonel Talbot by the Crown March 21st, 1832 - 200 acres.

In the will of Colonel Talbot, December 14, 1852 it was left to George McBeth. May 1888 John Breen and his wife owned it. A will in June 1890 from John Breen left to Thomas Breen and Edward Breen. John William Breen owned the land in 1945. Hugh Breen owned the farm in 1965. Hugh and Georgetta Breen reside with their two children Matthew and Amanda in 1993.

HOUSE - The house was built with bricks in 1909, the ^{log} kitchen is the old part of the frame house.



HUGH BREEN -- SECOND FARM

This farm is located on the 10th Concession Lot A of the Township of Dunwich.

This land was given to Colonel Talbot by the Crown on May 7, 1804. The will of Colonel Talbot on December 14, 1852 was given to George McBeth - 1300 acres.

A grant was given to Edward and Irene Breen in 1952. This was Hugh Breen's Great Uncle. The will of Edward Breen in February 16, 1960 went to Irene Breen. Then Dr. Russell owned the farm from 1972 to 1988. He rented out the farm and house. It was sold to Hugh Breen in 1988 and he still owns it in 1993. He rents the house out.

HOUSE - The house was built in 1910.

Hugh Breen owns land on the 9th Concession Lot A South West 1/4 of the Township of Dunwich.

This land was given to Colonel Talbot by the Crown on May 21, 1807. The will of Colonel Talbot in December 1852 to George McBeth. Grant October 15, 1856 to Joseph Welch.

Grant December 31, 1882 to John Tracey. Grant April 21, 1925 to Mary Schindler, sold to John William Breen in August 1925. Hugh Breen owned the farm in 1965. There is no house on the farm in 1993 as the house was taken down in 1988.

