

CENTURY.

FAIRMS.

MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 7, 2002
TO: Helen Van Brenk
FROM: Don Page
SUBJECT: Crane Farm

Peter Crane and his wife Mary (Wilson) settled on the "Crane Land" in 1851 (Lot 6, Concession 9). Peter, born at Port Talbot on July 6, 1810, died in 1882. His father George Crane was a soldier in the British Army and in 1803 was in York (Toronto) in the presence of Co. Talbot. George was given one of the first farms (50 acres) on the North Shore of Lake Erie – Lot 15, conc.11, at Plum Point. George was one of the farmers in the building of St. Peters Anglican Church.

In 1851 Peter Crane and his wife Mary acquired 200 acres located on Lot 6, Conc. 9. From stories told to me by my Grandfather Jonas Page, both Peter and Jonas worked together to build log cabins on the Crane land and on the Page land in 1851. The census taken in 1861 noted that a frame dwelling was located on both the Crane Farm and the Page Farm. As you view the enclosed picture, taken in 1901, the Crane Home, the right portion of the home was built first and was of "clap-board" siding and the support timbers for the main floor were logs. I do not have the date when the second (left) portion was built but the support joists are rough sawed 2x10. The lumber used for building the second addition was sawn by a sawmill located north of the "Lake Road" by the creek that runs through the Simms' property. This sawmill was operated by Mr. Liberty and consequently the sawmill was named the "Liberty Saw Mill", and the hill was named the "Liberty Hill" and the creek, "The Liberty Creek". According to a conversation that I had some years ago with Rev. Norman Morris, Norman's grandfather Robert Morris (1828-1868) was the framer/carpenter who built the Page home, the Crane Home, the Patterson Home (Littlejohn residence) and the Backus-Page Home.

The "Crane" land in 1851 was well treed dense forest with chestnut trees and the first name give to the farm was "Chestnut Grove".

Peter and Mary had 10 children, 5 sons and 5 daughters. One son, Benjamin J. lived on the farm with Peter and they farmed together. When Peter died in 1882, he left by probate the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Lot 6, Conc. 9 to his son George and $\frac{1}{4}$ to his son Benjamin. Benjamin and his wife had a son Norman Crane who continued farming the property until his death. In 1982 Don Page purchased the "Crane Farm". In 1984 the west edition was built adding a family room with fire place, bathroom, laundry room and on the second level a bath room, kitchen and second family room with fire place. In 1997 the front addition was built adding a living room, dining room, kitchen and on the second level four bedrooms and two bathrooms.

*Photo taken
2001*



*Photo taken
2002*



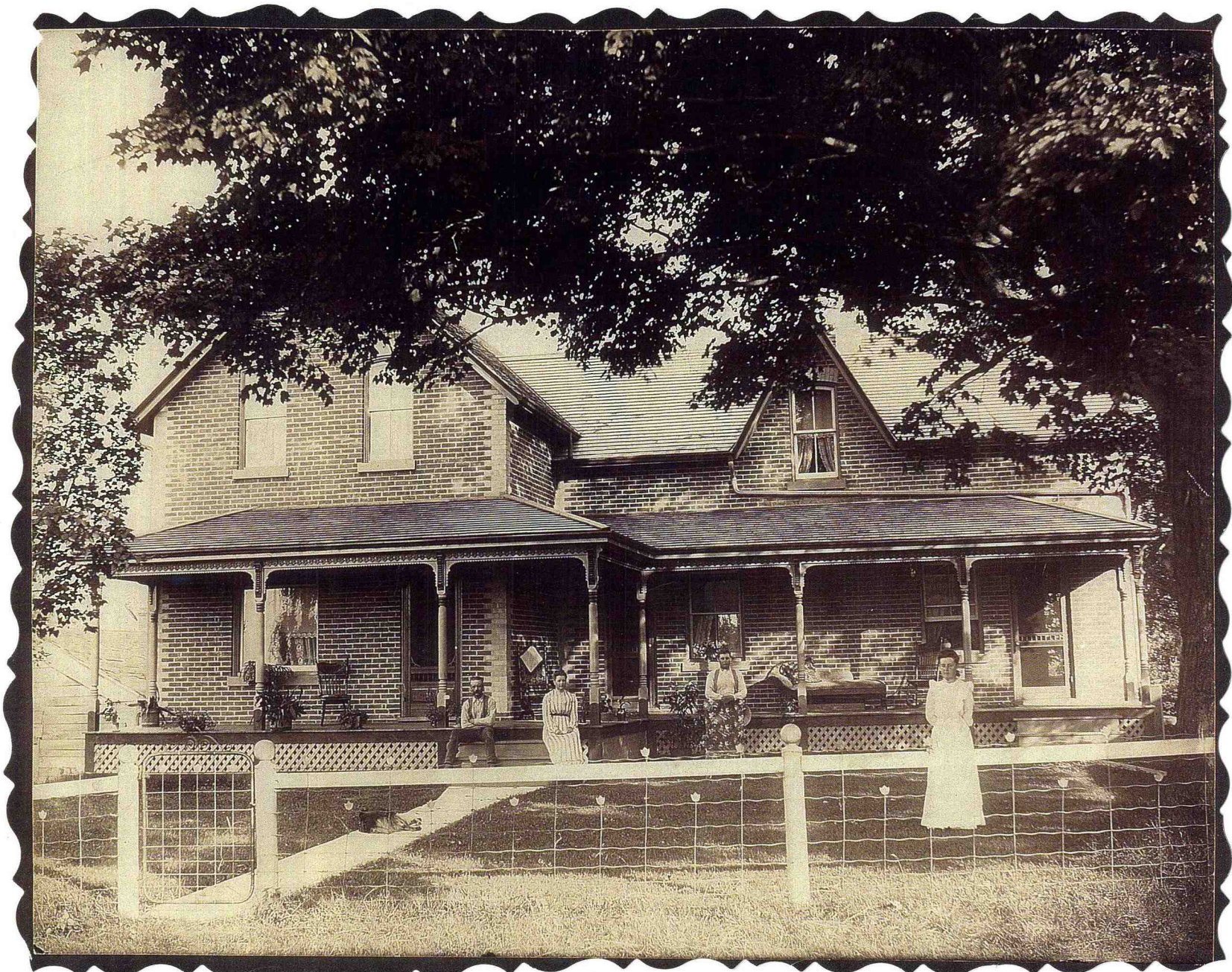


Photo taken 1901 BENJAMIN CRANE AND Wife
Built in 1861.

Wallacetown Unite Church Manse.

This house used to be The Wallacetown Unite Church Manse it is found on Lot 12, Concession 8, The address is 8 Argyle Street, Wallacetown. This was owned by Wallacetown Unite Church when they were one charged.

Frank Smith - own the house in 1887 or 1900. He may have built it. Then the Wallacetown Unite Church bought it for their Ministers and it became a Manse. Rev. Douglas live in the house also Rev. M'Donald, Rev. Turner, Rev. Walden, Rev. Hamilton.

Then to Ethel & Fenley M'Pherson about 1930. The church sold it.

1960 Norman Sutton bought it off Mrs & Mrs Fenley M'Pherson.

1986 to Dave and Joanne M'Uicart.

2001 to John Aron & Anna Good, they own it to-day 2003.

House may have been built in 1887 or 1900.
Photo taken 2002 by
Helen VAN BREUK



Yvonne Brooks.

This house is found on Lot 6, East
 $\frac{1}{2}$ Northerly $\frac{1}{4}$ on Concession 8 of
Sunwich Township.

The Land Crown to Colonel Thomas
Talbot on July 25th 1821.

Feb 21st 1853 Thomas Talbot to George
MacBeth.

Then to James Coyne 25th July 1857 to
Henry C. R. Becket on Jan 30th 1865

Robert Sifton March 8th 1872 then to
Barnet E Sifton and Wife April 28th 1888

Then to Charles Cameron Lyons 3rd Sept
1954, to William and Audrey Lyons Nov 1st
1973.

Armand Myers 1981 1st June, Lyons Rose
Kathleen Jan 4th 1982.

March 4th 1982 Garry & Yvonne Briggs

May 15th 2000 Yvonne & Harold Brooks.

Yvonne Brooks owns it to-day 2002.

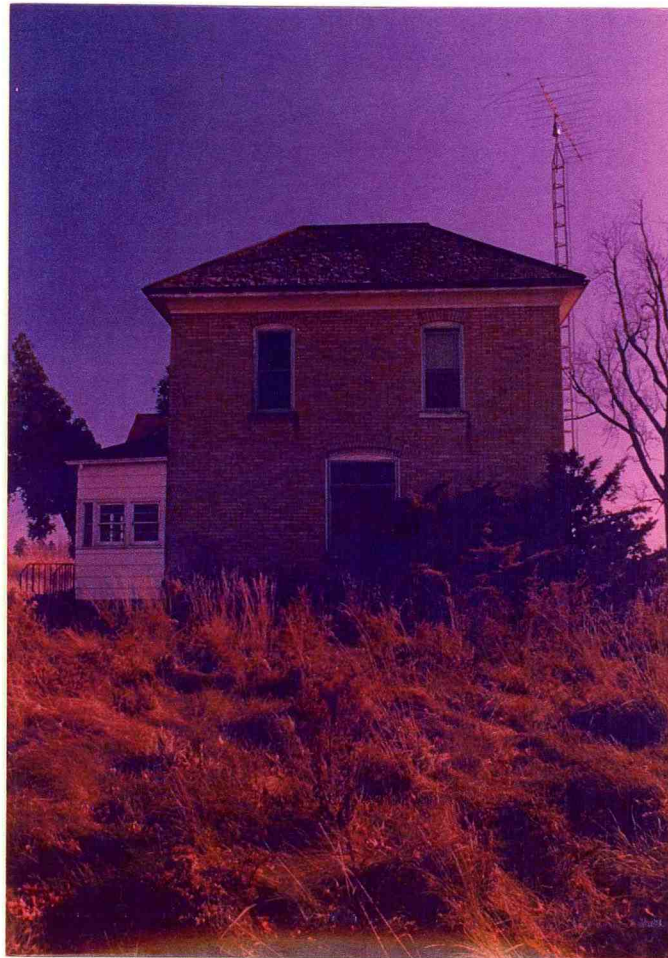


House built Late 1880:

Photo taken July 2000
by Helen Van Bren



photos taken by
Mrs Yvonne Brooks
January 1980.



Tracy & Brian Trudell.

This house is found on Lot 7,
Concession 9, in Lunenburg Township.

Crown to Colonel Talbot in May 1st
1820 the land -

December 14 1852 from Colonel Talbot
to George MacBeth

This farm land to Ann Gilbert
Mac Beth on Dec 31st 1870, then to
Dougall Campbell, on Dec 1st 1911, James
Campbell.

April 16th 1942 to James D. Campbell
to Gordon Russell Campbell.

March 15th 1984 Gordon Campbell
to John Hentye then to Joanne Susan
Lang.

Joanne Susan Robinson (Lang) to
Brian and Tracy Trudell 23rd August
1996 they own it to-day, 2002.



House Built about 1920.

Photo taken in July
2002 by Helen Van Buren