

# Elimville

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Elimville was considered the central hamlet in the township. The village people even had an election and voting if necessary for the position of Mayor of Elimville. In 1899, Thomas Veal was re-elected to this position.

Two bachelor brothers, John and Ryan Brimacombe were the first to occupy the land later to become Elimville community. They erected a rough shanty on Lot 8, Con. 7 in the fall of 1849. The Brimacombes started a building spree. In the spring of 1850, Richard Johns, a shoemaker from Devon settled on Lot 12, Con. 7 and George Sleamon settled in the near vicinity. The next year, Lots 13 on both sides of Con. 6 & 7 were settled and a few more families came with John Veal to occupy the site where the village now stands. In a short time, settlers had occupied all the vacant lots. William and Henry Wood, with their mother and sister settled Lot 10, Con. 7 and founded it in 1851.

Wm. Taylor built a log hotel on Lot 11, Con. 7, which was made the centre of activity by itinerants passing through the village. Henry Taylor built a general store and small houses were erected. Every morning during the building season, two groups of carpenters went out from the village to work in Usborne and Biddulph to erect buildings. A brick yard had been established on Lot 11, Con. 7 in 1850, but the discovery of a better white brick clay, along the Ausable River in Stephen Twp., caused the Elimville works to disappear. It was necessary for the carpenters in those early years to dress all the lumber by hand and during the winter months, most of the men, whether they were carpenters or not, spent most of their time fashioning and planing window frames and doors. John Veal built the first barn on Lot 10, Con. 6. Nails were hard to get so much of the joining was done with wooden pegs. By the year 1870, those who were to settle at Elimville had already done so.

An attempt to sell shares to build a flour mill however, failed and a soap factory also moved to more lucrative surroundings. There were two hotels in the seventies, and an ashery on the east bank with several kettles for making potash. It was generally sold in Stratford. There was a cooperage, a blacksmith, a wagonmaker, a tailor, a Bible depository, three churches, a shoemaker, a doctor and a drug store.

Trades people in Elimville in 1887 were; Allen Alfred - carpenter; George Andrew - wagon maker; John Brimacombe - shoemaker; John Crocker - carpenter; Robert Davison - agent for the sale of threshing machines; Fanny Elliott - widow of John Elliott - innkeeper; Richard Evans - cooper; Rev. Alexander Facey - Baptist minister; Charles Hall - carpenter; John Hall - builder; Samuel Hall - bricklayer; Samuel P. Hall - school teacher and Township Clerk; George Hind - carpenter; John Hind - carpenter; Oliver Elijah - farmer; David Penwarden - potash maker; Robert Smale - harness maker; John Spicer - farmer; Henry Taylor - post master and trader; Benjamin Walden - medical doctor; John Vale - farmer; Rev. George Bodie - Bible Christian minister.

Elimville was one of the nerve centres in Huron County in those early years. Many of these small places were used as fording places for cattle, and for clergymen and government agents to change horses on their journey. Elimville settlers were sure that the train from Stratford and St. Marys would build a track to Grand Bend and then to Sarnia and that it would pass through Elimville, but when the council was approached to loan the money to the railroad, they had no money to help in building the railway track so the plan failed. The track went through Lucan to Sarnia. In 1860, the centre of the township was determined to be near Elimville and a dispute arose whether to build the Township Hall at Elimville

OF WHICH... council chose to erect the hall on the land of Mr. Halls at Taylor's Corner, with bell and belfry, and a fence around the hall. A safe was purchased and fire insurance was taken out for \$500. The hall cost \$1200.

The old hotel was a building with a lot of windows and a long veranda with posts across the front. Below the veranda was a long watering trough where travellers stopped to let their horses drink water and then tied them there while the men went into the hotel to get a drink of something else. The hotel became overrun with rats, so Elimville received the nickname of rathole. Elimville boys, "the rats" played ball with the "skunks" of Winchelsea, which had the nickname of Skunktown.

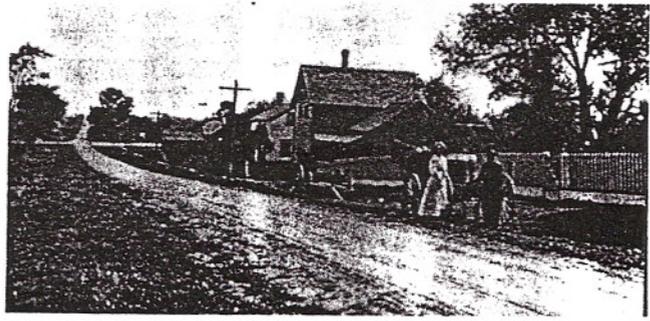
Drainage presented a problem and in 1900, the Ausable River which drains the northwestern portion of Elimville was deepened in the township of Biddulph. The men who did this work, and made it their life vocation, worked 60 hours a week for \$6.00.

## ELIMVILLE STORE

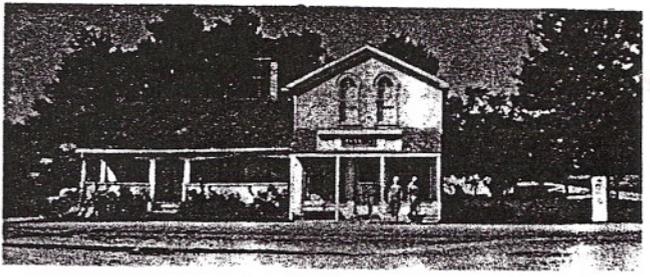
Former owners were Thomas Johns, Walter Hern, Samuel Johns, Mark Wild, Thomas Bell, Charles Stephen, Fred Wright, Philip Murch, Thomas Hay, Alvin Fulton 1959-61, Wm. Brown 1962-72 closed, Dave Parsons reopened it in 1977. Jim and Shirley Wilkinson held ceramics classes. David and Alice Inchley own it now and Alice has a pottery there.

We remember Grandma Heywood (Elizabeth Parrish), a popular nurse in the community, who assisted at the birth of over one hundred babies. Many of them were delivered without the assistance of a doctor. Her boast was that she had never lost a baby or its mother.

Smithy Johns operated a blacksmith shop for years and most of the horses in the vicinity were shod there.



*This is Elimville looking east on the St. Marys road in front of the Wilcox residence. Standing at the back of the rig are Beatrice Wilcox and Samuel Horne as he collected cream for the Winchelsea Creamery. He is weighing cream at the rear of the wagon.*



*The Elimville Store, 1960 — your friendly corner store has been owned by about 14 different families. Thomas Johns was the first and now David and Alice Inchley own it and Alice has a pottery business.*



**Ken Johns' Farm - 1961 - Lot 18, Con. 7.**



**Excellence Award 1983** — Dr. Walter H. Johns PH.D., son of Charles & Martha (Hern) Johns, received his early education in Usborne. He graduated from University and went west. Dr. Johns was president of the University of Alberta for 10 years before his retirement. He received the Alberta Order of Excellence and in 1977, he was called to the Order of Canada. His brother is Ken Johns of Exeter.

### The Lloyd Johns Farm

Lot 12, Con. 7

This farm, of one hundred acres in the Township of Usborne, has been in the possession of the Johns family since it was purchased from the Canada Company in the year 1850, for the sum of 78 pounds, 2 shillings and 6 pence. Richard Johns walked from London and was directed to the 7th concession of Usborne. When he came to a small piece of level land without trees he said, "I'll take this so I will know it when I come back". He returned to Pickering for the winter where he worked as a shoemaker. He returned the following spring with his family and with the help of a few neighbours put up a log shack in which they lived for two or three years, before building their first log house in 1853. They started clearing the land and built a log barn in the late fifties. His father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. William Johns, joined them and another log house was built for them south of the orchard in 1860. Richard Johns finished paying for the farm in 1860 and received the parchment deed which is still in the possession of the present owner, Lloyd Johns. The brick house, which still stands on the farm, was built in 1869. One of his sons, Henry

Johns, bought the farm in 1889 and built the present barn in 1892. Lloyd Johns succeeded to his father's farm in 1943 and that makes the third generation to own the farm. Lloyd Johns (1889-1962) married Gladys Bannerman (b. 1900) and they had one daughter, Patricia (b. 1929). In January 1990, Gladys was living in St. Marys and she celebrated her 90th birthday in March 1990. The farm was sold to M.A. Dzioba.

### The Philip Johns Family

Lot 15, Con. 6

Philip John Johns and Marjorie Ilene (Earl) Johns farmed for 40 years (1946-1986) on Lot 15, Con. 6, on the farm operated by his father and grandfather since the 1800s. Philip's parents were Effie Pearl (Miners) and Richard Johns, and Marjorie's parents were James Angus and Lily Maud (Cann) Earl. James later married Elsie Rae Gunning of Whalen.

The Phil Johns family were blessed with six children; Margaret (Mrs. Lorne Hern) Usborne, Marjorie Elaine (Mrs. Clifton Webber) Stratford, Janice Pearl (Mrs. Craig Webber) Exeter, Eleanor Mary (Mrs. Peter Armstrong) Exeter, Catherine Joanne Johns, residing at home, and Gerald Richard who married Carolyn McClure, Seaforth, and they reside at Lot 15, Con. 6. This farm has always been operated as a mixed farm, hogs, cattle, some cash crops. Over the years, buildings were updated, a silo built, a 70'x40' shed to house machinery added, and also additions to the house, making room for an up-to-date kitchen. Bathroom facilities, and an oil furnace to replace wood and coal stoves, were also installed. In 1961, 50 acres of land was purchased directly behind the home farm on Lot 15, Con. 6. This land was purchased from the late Milton Luther and was the south half of Lot 15, Con. 5.

In November, 1985, Phil and Marjorie Johns purchased 5 acres of land and the house on the southwest Lot 13, Con. 7, from Pat and Fred Tyndall. This property had been in the Johns name for many years and the original part of the house had been built as a retirement home for great-grandfather Johns but since 1947 it had had several owners. Marjorie and Phil took up residence on July 12, 1986.

Philip's mother, Pearl, had a sewing room in the early 1910s, which was located over one of the southwest corner buildings in Winchelsea.



**The Philip Johns Family** — (back) Margaret (Hern), Gerald, Elaine (Webber), Eleanor (Armstrong), (front) Catherine (Allen), Philip, Marjorie (Earl), and Janice (Webber).

# The Gerald Johns Farm

Lot 15, Con. 6

## The Early Settlers

The original 100 acre wooded lot was held in the name of the Canada Company until 1856 when it was first purchased by William Perkins. He, his parents and his brothers and sisters left England to come to Canada to build a new future, but William's sweetheart Meg refused to come. After settling in at Lot 15, Con. 6 of Usborne township, he heard from other settlers that his sweetheart had not yet married so he decided to write her a letter and ask her to marry him and come to this new country. Postage in those days was very expensive so he took a chance and mailed the letter without a stamp. Luckily the letter made it back to England and Meg paid to get the letter out of the post office. She accepted under the condition that William return to England to marry her. So William left his family to seek his bride. Upon returning their ship travelled through some bad weather and was grounded three times. Their water supply was stored in barrels and they paid for each drink. They also had to bring their own food and prepare their own meals. Due to the rough water, the waves sometimes washed their food overboard. Finally, three months later their ship landed in Canada. William's mother, years later recalled, "I was fetching water from the well when over the hill I heard the cheerful sound of my son's whistle and I cried with joy that he and his new bride had made the trip across the Atlantic safely". One day when Meg was on her way to the Methodist Church in Elimville she met a bear that frightened her so much that she didn't speak for three days. Despite their frightening experiences William and Meg decided to make Canada their home. In 1864, the Perkins family erected the one and a half storey brick house which still stands today. The six bedroom house still has much of its original pine woodwork trim intact and at one point had seven fires burning (six woodstoves and one fireplace) throughout the house to keep it warm during the long winter nights. The house was built this large to accommodate William Perkins family of seven daughters. It also has a large grand open staircase with a thick wooden bannister leading to the upstairs. The fireplace mantel is still in place but the fireplace has been bricked in and the chimney removed to prevent heat loss.

In 1887, the property was sold to James Snell, who was known to sell all the timber off the land in his possession to the local lumberyard. Once the farm was completely cleared it was resold to John Johns on April 5, 1894. John Johns was the eldest son of Richard and Eliza Johns who were among the original pioneers of the Elimville area.

## The Johns Family History

Richard Johns and Eliza Whitlock were married in 1844, in Longtree Parish, North Devon, England, when Richard was twenty-one years old. They sailed to Canada in 1849 with three children, Maryann (3 years), Elizabeth (2 years) and John (one year). Richard was a shoemaker, having served seven years apprenticeship in England. They stopped at Pickering where Richard made shoes for the men building the Grand Trunk Railway. In 1850, Richard walked from Pickering to Elimville and then on to Goderich to get the lease on the land they had staked at Lot 12, Con. 7 in Usborne, and then walked back to Pickering for his family. Richard and Eliza and their three children moved to the Elimville area and in 1867, they built the brick house which still stands today. They raised eleven children in this home.

Richard's son John and his wife, Sarah Jane Cudmore, were married in 1873 and in 1894, John, Sarah and their six children purchased the 100 acre mixed farm at Lot 15, Con. 6, of Usborne. This farm has remained in the Johns family ever since. 1896 was a bad year for the family. Two of John Johns' daughters passed away from tuberculosis. Around the turn of the century, the stone foundation bank barns were raised off the ground. The barns were used primarily for beef cattle, a few dairy cattle, and a few hogs. There is a spring fed pond located near the west end of the property and a gravel pit located just south of the pond. Enough gravel was sold from this pit to pay one years' taxes. A 37½ foot silo was built for storage in 1914.

The farm was passed on in 1917 to John Johns' eldest son Richard, and his wife Louise Ballantyne. Unfortunately, Louise passed away just one year later. Richard married Pearl Miners in 1920, and together they raised one son, Philip and one daughter, Bessie. Philip was stricken with polio in his left shoulder in 1935. That same year the hydro was installed.

Philip and his wife Marjorie Earl took over operation of the farm in 1946 and purchased the farm in 1950. Philip and Marjorie raised a family of five girls and one boy, Gerald Richard Johns. Marjorie was very active in the community and the church, and had a great love of music. She played the organ or piano for numerous weddings, funerals, and special events within the community. During her busy schedule as mother, farmwife, organist for Elimville and Centralia churches, organist for the Hopper-Hockey Funeral Home in Exeter and a prominent member of the Women's Institute, Exeter Horticultural Society, Elimville U.C.W., and a volunteer at the Exeter Hospital, she manages to find time for individual piano and organ lessons for as many as twenty children. Up until 1947, the farm work was done with the help of horses, but in 1947, the first tractor (a WC Allis Chalmers) was purchased. Numerous modifications and renovations continue to be made to keep up with the changing times. An indoor bathroom was installed in the early 1950s and an oil furnace was installed in 1957. Another 60 foot cement silo was erected in 1968 and a drive shed in 1972.

In 1980, a sow farrowing room was added to the east end of the barns by Philip's son Gerald and in 1984 the barns were renovated to specialize in a farrow-to-finish hog operation. A liquid manure tank was erected and the barn penning replaced allowing the herd to increase to approximately five hundred. In 1986, Philip and Marjorie Johns retired to the southwest corner of Lot 13, Con. 7 to a house that was once occupied by Philip's great grandparents. Gerald remained on the farm and married Carolyn McClure that same year and in 1987, they



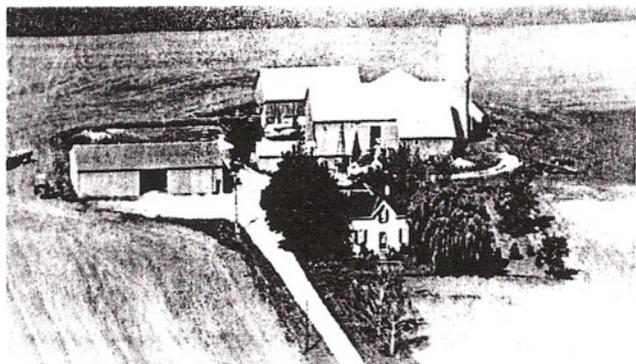
*The Johns Family — (back) Richard Johns, John Johns Sr., (Uncle) Sam Johns, (front) Charles Johns, Mabel Johns and Sara Johns (Cudmore)*

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purchased the family farm. Gerald and Carolyn have a son Matthew born in 1988, and a daughter Evelyn Grace born August 9, 1991. They plan to live on Lot 15, Con. 6, until they can proudly hand down the family farm and its history to one of their children.



*The Gerald Johns Family — Gerald and Carolyn (McClure) and son Matthew born in 1988.*



*The Farm of Gerald and Carolyn Johns*

## The Gilbert Johns Family

Lot 13, Con. 6

In January 1856, Mr. George Andrew, the first private owner, bought the land and opened his home to the other settlers in the district for the first Sunday School. Mrs. Andrew assisted many times during childbirth. Mr. Andrew died in 1862. In November 1869, three brothers of George Andrew became joint owners. In 1875, two brothers became the joint owners with Philip Andrew owning the north fifty acres and Thomas Andrew the south fifty acres. At the same time Philip Andrew sold six acres of his fifty acres to Samuel Cornish. This six acres is now owned by Vernon Montmorency.

In January 1877, Samuel Cornish sold his six acres to Israel Harris and bought Philip Andrew's 94 acres. In 1882, Samuel Cornish sold it to Samuel Halls, and in 1894, Samuel Halls sold to Jessie Elliot. In 1900, Jessie Elliot sold to Albert Andrew, and in 1905, Albert Andrew sold to Silas Johns, who married Sara Miners. Silas Johns was the son of Richard Johns who had married Eliza Whitlock. They had eleven children and lived on Lot 12, Con. 7. The Johns originally came from Devonshire, England. Silas Johns sold to William Johns in 1912. William married Ida Grace Passmore and they had eight children: Garnet (1906-1959) married Verna Brock; Hazel (1907-1918); Gilbert married Jean Venner; Allan married Blanche Harrison; Margaret married Fred Long;

Dorothy married Grant Ratcliffe; Ethelene (1924-1990) married Keith Fraser (1925-1988); Eileen (1924-1982) married Jim Grinney (1925).

In 1909, William Johns tore down the log house and built the present white brick house. This 30' by 32' house was built at a cost of \$1150. In 1917, the telephone was installed and the hydro in 1927. The taxes on the property in 1910 were \$37, in 1942 were \$94, and in 1968 they were \$426.

Mrs. William Johns died in 1938 and Mr. Johns in 1962. In 1942, William Johns had sold the farm to his son Gilbert, who was married to Jean Venner. They have three children, Grace, Edward and Larry. In 1969 Gilbert Johns sold the house and four acres to Mr. Herb Kirmsie and the 90 acres to Martin DeJong. Mr. Kirmsie died and Mrs. Kirmsie sold the part lot to Paul Seldon who is the present owner. In the early 1970s, Mr. DeJong sold his 90 acres to Mike Dzioba who left this land in his will to the present owner, his daughter Jeannie Johns.



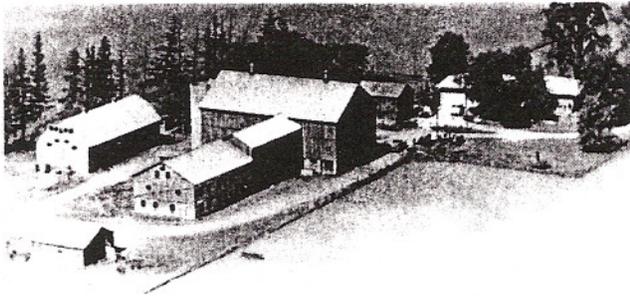
*Silas and Sarah (Miners) Johns Family — (back) Cora, Sarah and Alden, Elizabeth and Silas, (front) William, Edward (circa 1885).*



*The Gilbert and Jean (Venner) Johns Family — (back) Edward, Grace, Larry, (front) Jean and Gilbert (1990).*



**The Howard and Marion (Miners) Johns Family** —(back) Martin Overholt, Terrence Smith, Robert Waddell, Carol Waddell, Wayne Shannon, James Sweitzer, Steven Johns. (3rd row) Laura Overholt, Mary Smith, Howard and Marion, Anne Shannon, Frances Sweitzer and Linda (Aubé) Johns. (2nd row) Michael Shannon, Kate Shannon, Amy Johns and Kevin Johns; (front) Sarah Overholt, David Overholt and Caleb Johns.



**The Howard Johns Farm 1960**



**The Johns Family** — (back) Harold (son of Alfred and Myrtle Madge), Sybil Johns, (front) Wes and Mabel (Bosnell) Johns. (Alfred and Wes are brothers).

## The Kenneth Johns Family

Lot 18 & N½ 17, Con. 7

Our farm, comprising 150 acres, is situated on Lot 18 and the north half of Lot 17 on the seventh concession in Usborne. It was surveyed in 1839 and 100 acres was sold by the Canada Company to George Muttart in 1856. The only thing we know about him is that he was a Roman Catholic who was buried by a Methodist minister owing to the fact that no priest was available at the time. The 50 acres was purchased by William Sanders in 1860. In 1865, Richard Johns, Kenneth's great-grandfather, bought it from Mr. Sanders and sold it in 1877 to Thomas Werry. Between 1871-95, the 100 acres changed hands several times between John Smallacombe and Eleazer Williams. The two story brick house was built in 1867 by William Bissett. In 1875, Mr. Williams made an assignment and to his great surprise, the farm was knocked down to him at the sale.

George Williams followed his father and bought both farms, one in 1901 and the other in 1911. He put the barn up on a foundation. Later the land was pastured for several years and the house occupied only part of the time until Sam Johns bought it in 1936 and installed hydro. Ken bought the property in September 1944, from his uncle Sam Johns. Ken had married Irene Bierling on February 27, 1935.

It is amazing that since 1856, the property value during all the change of owners has remained at a very even level. Taxes in 1891 were \$34.08 and in 1948 were nearly \$200.00.

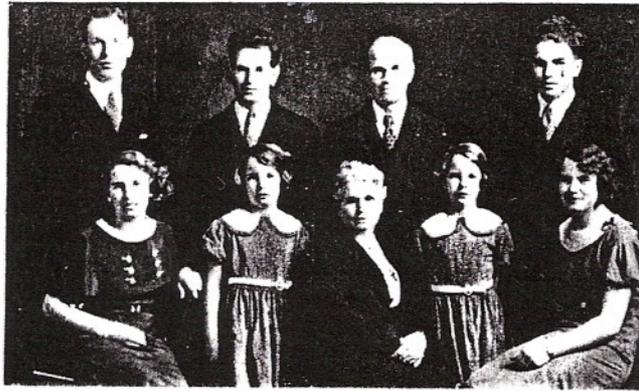
This farm consisted of 150 acres of good loam with a hardwood bush. With help of Ken's father, Charles Johns (and his mother Martha Hern), they grew crops of mixed grain, corn, and hay. In the barn there were always cattle, horses, pigs and chickens.

Ken and Irene had three children; Robert, Stanley and Sylvia.

In June 1964, Ken and Irene moved to their new home in Exeter, and Bob and his wife, Margaret (Bieber) (1943-1988) moved to the farm having returned from Alberta. They lived there with their children, Gail, Pamela and Tracy. The farm house was destroyed by fire in June 1977 and the farm was sold to Edwin Miller.



**Kenneth Johns and Irene (Bierling) (February 27, 1935)**



*The William & Ida (Passmore) Johns Family — (back) Garnet, Allen, William, and Gilbert, (front) Dorothy Ratcliffe, Eileen Grinney, Ida, Ethelene Fraser and Margaret Long.*

## Howard & Steve Johns Family

Lot 16 & 17, Con. 6

In December 1848, Lot 17 was leased to John Acty for \$78.00. In January 1850, the north half of Lot 17 was leased to Wm. Tarkin for \$39.00. In January 1856, Isaac Whitlock leased the north half of Lot 17 and in February 1858, Isaac Whitlock received a deed for this land, 50 acres from the Canada Company, price £38.5. 9.

Isaac Whitlock, son of Thomas and Anne Whitlock, born in Holsworthy Parish, North Devon, England in 1821, came to Canada in the 1850s.

Mr. Whitlock, a bachelor all his life, had his niece Elizabeth Johns keep house for him. In 1867, her brother, Isaac Johns came to live with them and help his uncle on the farm. Elizabeth and Isaac were the children of Richard and Eliza (Whitlock) Johns.

In 1858, John Bently received a deed from the Canada Company for the south half of Lot 17. This land was rented to Aaron Cudmore for several years (1870-75). At that time Isaac Whitlock purchased this lot from John Bently making a 100 acre unit.

In 1875, a brick house was built on the 100 acre farm. In 1883, Isaac Johns married Kate Elford, who was born in 1859, in England and came to Canada as a girl. On the way to Canada they encountered heavy seas and had to return to England for more provisions. In all it took six weeks to cross the Atlantic. They had two sons, Alfred and Wesley. In 1890, Isaac Johns purchased 70 acres of Lot 16, Con. 6 from Charles Perkins, and in 1893, the other part of Lot 16, Con. 6 consisting of 25 and 5 acres was purchased from Charlotte Perkins, widow of Henry Perkins. Upon the death of Isaac Whitlock in 1899, Lot 17 was inherited by Isaac Johns. From that time on Lots 16 and 17 have remained as a unit in the Johns' name.

In 1908, Isaac Johns died leaving Lots 16 and 17 to his widow and sons Alfred and Wesley.

Alfred, after graduating from Toronto University in 1909, married Myrtle Madge in 1910 and went to China to teach in a University and his wife in a public school. They spent two terms of six years each there. During this time, their family increased by five children, Martin, Harold, Paul, Edward and Ruth. Martin taught at McMaster University in Hamilton until retirement. Harold was in Physics, first at University of

Saskatchewan where he helped develop the Cobalt treatment for cancer. He was involved in cancer research until his retirement from Princess Margaret Hospital and Toronto University. Paul was a meteorologist, Edward, an orthodontist and Ruth a social worker.

Wesley married Mabel Bosnell of Port Hope in 1913. They had a son, Howard and a daughter, Mary. Wesley bought Lot 16 from his brother Alfred in 1921 and farmed the 200 acres with hired help. Mary married Wesley Neil in 1946, and they farmed in Usborne. They had one daughter Roberta, who married Doug Ryckman and now lives in Calgary. Wesley Neil died in 1979 and Mary now resides in Exeter.

Howard married Marion Miners in 1940, and their children are, Carol, Mrs. Robert Waddell, Toronto; Frances, Mrs. James Sweitzer; Anne, Mrs. Wayne Shannon and their children Michael and Katie, all of London; Steven married Linda Aubé, now owners of the farm, they have three children, Kevin, Amy and Caleb; Laura, Mrs. Martin Overholt of Exeter, with two children, David and Sarah; Mary, Mrs. Terrence Smith of London.

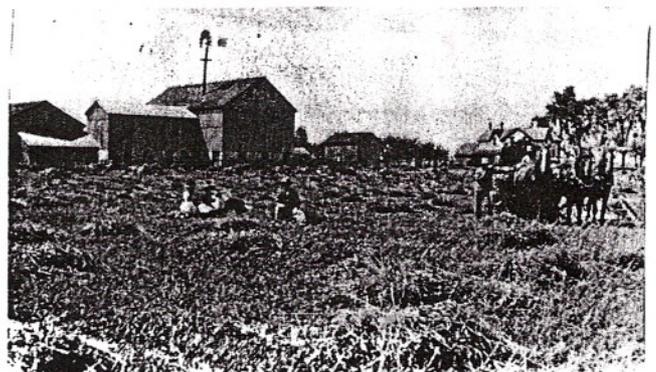
Howard worked in partnership with his father until he purchased Lot 17 in 1950, and rented Lot 16 until he purchased it in 1968.

In 1936, the first tractor, a 15-30 McCormick-Deering was purchased at a farm sale and began to replace many of the horses on the farm. In 1945, a Massey 102 Junior tractor (\$1,000) and a six foot Massey pull-type combine (\$900) were purchased, as well as a 1929 Ford pickup to draw the grain from the combine. Howard restored this truck and still has it today. In 1949, a buck rake was built to bring in the hay and straw. A forage harvester and wagons were bought in 1956 and a self-propelled combine in 1964.

In 1949, Howard built a small house at the road and the family lived there till the old farm house was replaced with a ranch style brick house he built himself in 1959. In 1956, a new hog and poultry barn was built to enlarge the enterprise.

General mixed farming was practiced in early years when purebred Dual Purpose Shorthorn cattle were the mainstay of the farm. In later years, hogs and a large flock of laying hens were added. In 1964, the old barn was remodelled for hogs and the poultry and cattle were phased out leaving an all hog operation. Wheat, corn, white beans, and soybeans are the main crops.

Steve and family moved to the farm in 1975 and bought the farm in 1976. Again more remodelling in the barn and house, also a large implement shed and silo and liquid manure handling facility were constructed. Since 1977, 150 acres of land across the road has been rented.



*Isaac Johns' Farm Buildings 1906 — Lot. 16, Con. 6 (note windmill on the barn roof).*

# Elimville United Church

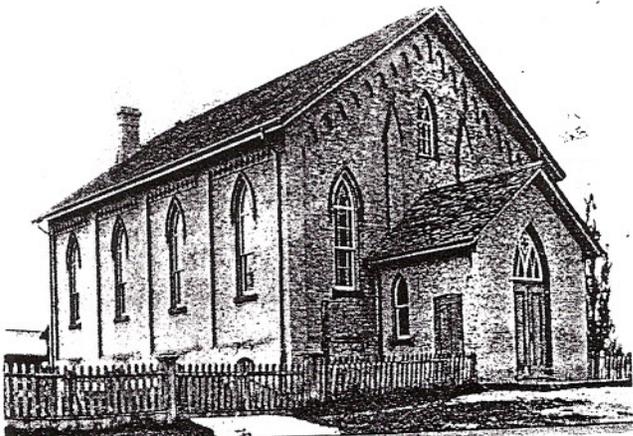
The first service of worship was conducted in our community in 1851, in the home of Silas Whitlock on Lot 16, Con. 7, Osborne Township. Later, church gatherings were held at George Andrew Sr.'s at Lot 13, Con. 6. In 1854, a school was built at Winchelsea where church services were held and also the first Sunday School was established under the superintendency of 'grandfather Andrew'.

Late in the fifties it was decided to have a Sunday School Anniversary. A canvass was made of the community and people contributed whatever they could, such as flour, butter, eggs, lard and money. The ladies had a field day baking for this event. Now, pound cake was about the only kind of cake in those days and was a treat for the rugged pioneers. When all was baked it was taken to the school house, but no guard was set. Next day, when all were gathered for the celebration, it was discovered the pound cake had been stolen, and bitter

were their thoughts. Finally, Mr. Andrews said, "Let us leave the bitter waters of Mara (Winchelsea water was exceedingly sulphurous) and go to Elim with its twelve wells of water and three score and ten palm trees." (Elimville never did have palm trees). Here they purchased a lot large enough for a church and a cemetery from John Veal for \$3.50, dated April 25, 1865. Trustees were Rev. John Edwards, Jonathon Cooper, Henry Taylor, Samuel Andrew, Philip Andrew, Richard Delbridge Sr. and Wm. Miners.

Here the log structure was built. It was a Bible Christian church and was served by ministers from Exeter. In 1864, Elimville became the hub of an independent circuit served by Rev. John Edwards, who was beloved by all. He baptized many babies, that falls to the lot of most ministers, and he died while at his morning devotions kneeling by his chair, with his Bible open.

In 1865, the first parsonage for the minister was provided and later became part of the church and cemetery grounds. The next minister was Rev. G.J. Colwill (in those days the minister was not called, but sent to the charge). He carried on his work in such a way that it disrupted the whole community, and part of the congregation withdrew and started a church further down the hill on the opposite side of the road where the first Baptist and Anglican services were conducted. This Union Church, 1866, included Church of England, Free Wesley Methodists and regular Baptists, and was served by Rev. Alexander Martin Facey, Baptist minister. This land was procured from Henry and Jane Taylor, part of Lot 10, Con. 7, Osborne. Trustees were James Hall, Philip Andrew, William Martin, Wm. Miners and Leonard Hunter.



*Elimville Methodist Church — It is now the Elimville United Church and associated with the Thames Road charge.*

In 1872, a typhus epidemic struck the community while Rev. Cantlon was serving the congregation. His pastorate was a brief one during which he buried the first twenty-five casualties of the epidemic and was himself the final victim.

Rev. W.C. Beer was the minister in 1875, when the present structure was built. John Halls was the contractor who built the two end walls, Henry Johns the north wall, and Byam Spicer the south wall. This building cost \$817.00, and is still in good shape today. It became a Methodist Church of Canada in 1884. In those years, it was a seven point charge, Elimville South Ward, Elimville North Ward, Bethany, Sunshine, Zion, Freewill and Prospect. During this period there was a Probationer to assist the Minister and several lay preachers. Also during these years, and many succeeding years, a large Sunday School was carried on along with the church.

In 1913, a cement block shed was built to accommodate the horses and buggies. It cost was \$1300. In 1925, a naphtha lighting system was installed, and in 1927, was replaced by hydro.

In 1924, Rev. H.E. Livingstone was the minister. Sunshine Church was closed leaving Elimville and Zion as a charge. During the 1930s, standing trees were bought and on an afternoon the men gathered together and cut these trees into firewood to heat the church for the coming year.

The Sunday School picnic was a big day for the young people as well as their parents. This was held at Herdman's and in later years in an orchard at Edward Johns' (where Philip Johns now lives). A large swing was erected and it was pulled by two ropes. It was about 25 feet high and two young people could sit on it at once. There were races for all ages with keen competition. Several men brought all the ingredients to make ice cream, a large freezer and ice from the Winchelsea Creamery, and an engine to turn the freezer. All the children waited in anticipation for the results. A platform was erected for a program, then a bountiful picnic supper was consumed.

Each Anniversary in the fall, a fowl supper was held in the church basement with every member turning his or her hand in helping to feed about 500 people. In 1922-1940 tickets were, adults 60c, children 30c. This was followed by a concert. Lewis Woods, a former member, would bring several entertainers from London for the program.

There was also a thriving Young Peoples group, that met each Monday evening with a worship service and games. They also put on plays. One was 'Dot the Miner's Daughter' which was staged at 13 different communities.

In 1939, the charge was restructured, with Zion going to the Woodham charge and Elimville to the Thames Road and Roys charge under the leadership of Rev. Wm. Mair. The parsonage was sold to Wm. Johns and the proceeds were invested in a trust fund for the Elimville Cemetery. In 1953, the Thames Road charge became a two point charge with just Thames Road and Elimville, with Rev. W.J. Moores as pastor.

In 1957, at the congregational meeting, an organ fund was started under the leadership of Mrs. Freeman Horne, Fred Walters and Kenneth Johns. Financial support was readily forthcoming and an organ was dedicated in April of that year. In 1951, two memorial chairs were presented by the Pym family in memory of Mr. and Mrs. John Pym.

In 1959, the church once again received badly needed redecoration and despite the considerable expense at the time, the solid financial support of its members was forthcoming. In 1962, Ernest Aitken, a former resident left a portion of his estate to the congregation. In due course an additional memorial chair was placed in the Sanctuary in memory of Mr. Aitken.

They had a family of seven boys and four girls. William "Grant" (Dec. 22, 1940) married Doris Elaine Keller (Nov. 9, 1944) in the Exeter United Church Parsonage. They live in the house on Lot 25, Con. 3 and Grant works for Bobby Down. They have three children; Douglas Lee (Feb. 5, 1967) and lives at home; Karen Marie (Aug. 1, 1969) is in London; Tammy Lynne (June 9, 1972) married Kevin J. Martin (Aug. 23, 1965) at the Exeter Pentecostal Tabernacle on July 11, 1992 and are living in Exeter.

Walter John (Nov. 18, 1941) bought the home farm on Feb. 1, 1968. He married Noel Sharon Woods (Dec. 10, 1944) in the Church of God Parsonage, Grand Bend, on Oct. 1, 1960. Walter works at Dashwood Industries Ltd. and Noel worked at Campbell Soup near St. Marys. They have two children, John and Bonnie. Walter "John" (Dec. 26, 1960) works at D.I. and is living at home. Bonnie Pearl Eileen (Dec. 11, 1961) and her daughter Tristen Michelle Caldwell (Mar. 12, 1989) are living in Huron Park. Bonnie works in Dr. Steele's office in Exeter.

Mabel Agnes (Aug. 20, 1943) married Lloyd Nobel Glanville (July 18, 1940) in the Exeter James Street United Church on June 24, 1961. They live at Brussels and Mabel works at Spinrite Yarns in Listowel and Lloyd works for the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority. They have four children, Sharon, Terry, Teresa and Lisa. Sharon Irene (Jan. 4, 1962) lives in Warton with her three sons Dennis James Roman Robbins (Feb. 9, 1983), Kevin Terry Wesley Lloyd Robbins (Feb. 28, 1985) and Jamie Adam Matthew Robbins (Dec. 23, 1986). Terry William (July 19, 1963) died in a mobile home fire in Hensall on Mar. 17, 1984. Terry is buried in the Brussels Cemetery. His girlfriend Mary Alice Ryan (May 2, 1962) broke a window and escaped but was murdered Oct. 15, 1984 in a Stratford optometrist office. Mary Alice is buried in the St. Ambrose Roman Catholic Church Cemetery, Brussels. Teresa Ann Glanville (Nov. 4, 1964) married Christopher Bruce McDougall (Dec. 24, 1962) at Brussels United Church on June 20, 1981. They live at Brussels and have two children, Amy Elizabeth (Aug. 19, 1981) and Jonathon Murray (Nov. 6, 1985). Lisa Marie (Oct. 15, 1967) is single and living in Brussels.

Wilmer Lloyd was stillborn on June 9, 1945.

Milo Henry (Aug. 1, 1946) married Hilda Bonnie Deelstra (June 21, 1949) at the Bethel Reformed Church, Exeter on May 23, 1970. Milo purchased his home at 36 William St., in Exeter April 1970, and works at D.I. Milo and Hilda have two children, Jeremy William George (Feb. 11, 1977) and Jacky Tina Eileen (Oct. 16, 1980).

Josephine Rhoda (Sept. 29, 1948) married John William Cooper Forrest (June 11, 1946) at Exeter United Church on Feb. 22, 1969. Josie and John live in Sarnia and have two daughters, Debra and Dawn. Debra Colleen (Sept. 3, 1969) married Stanley James Whitmore (April 27, 1959) at the London Gospel Temple on May 20, 1989. They live in London and have a son Drew Isaiah (Nov. 22, 1993). Dawn Marie (Oct. 19, 1972) married Dino Magnante (Aug. 1, 1963) at St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church, Sarnia on Aug. 7, 1993. They live in Sarnia. Josephine works for a lawyer in Sarnia. John died Sept. 30, 1995.

Harold Edward (Mar. 28, 1950) married Ruth Ann Miller (Sept. 6, 1948) at the Exeter United Church on Mar. 4, 1972. They live in the house on Lot 15, Con. 5, and have three children, Jason Edward (June 24, 1972), Jeffrey Harold (May 20, 1973) and Jennifer Ann (Aug. 26, 1978) all at home. Harold started working for Dashwood Industries Ltd. when they were in Dashwood, and has continued to work for

them since they moved to highway #4.

Rosemarie Velma (Sept. 21, 1951) and her daughter Kristel Marianne (Sept. 21, 1986) both live in Huron Park. Rosemarie works for D.I.

Floyd Elmer (Oct. 9, 1952) married Mary Ann Anstay (Oct. 18, 1949) at North Street United Church, Goderich on May 15, 1971. They lived on Pt. Lot 12, STR, Stephen Twp., west of Exeter on Highway 83 which was purchased in Nov. 1984. They have two daughters, Shannon Yvonne (Sept. 24, 1971) who has a son Zachary Floyd Smith (Sept. 25, 1991) and they live in Exeter; Cheyenne Velma Marie (Mar. 26, 1975) is living at home. Floyd is a foreman at D.I. and Mary works at Campbell Soup which is now Horizon Poultry in St. Marys.

Linda Adeline (Feb. 13, 1955) married James William Welsh on Nov. 4, 1972, at Exeter United Church. They had two boys, Robert James William Welsh (Aug. 11, 1973) is attending college in Waterloo, and Dennis Johnathon Welsh (July 15, 1976). Linda married Wayne Melvin Clipperton (July 27, 1946) on Dec. 7, 1984 at the Goderich Court House. They live in Exeter and have a son Toby Robert Wayne Clipperton (Aug. 16, 1980) who is living at home. Linda works at D.I.

Calvin Emil (July 28, 1956) married Suzanne Elizabeth Mair (Mar. 15, 1954) on Mar. 16, 1985. They live in St. Marys and have four sons, Sean August (Oct. 26, 1986), Cody James Nathan (Apr. 6, 1989), Spencer Harold (Sept. 5, 1990) and Carter William (Aug. 19, 1992). Calvin is a truck driver and Suzanne works for Horizon Poultry.

## The Silas Whitlock Family

Silas Whitlock (1819-1896), son of Peter and Elizabeth (Isaac) Whitlock, married Mary Hooper (1819-1914). They had five children, William Silas (1857-1864), John, Mary, Elizabeth and Peter.

John married Frances Todd and they lived in Stratford and John worked for the railroad. They had five children, Percy, Frank, Flossie, Helen, and Hilda and they all lived in the Stratford area.

Mary married John Sagert and they lived at Port Colborne and had a daughter Cora.

Elizabeth married John Manning and in the early years, they had a butcher shop in Exeter. They had a daughter Cora, then they moved to Montreal and their relatives never saw them again.

Peter (1863-1939) married Martha Jane Williams (1863-1940) and they lived on the E1/2 of Lot 25, Con. 7. They had five children, Clifford, Irene, Verna, Joy and Evelyn.

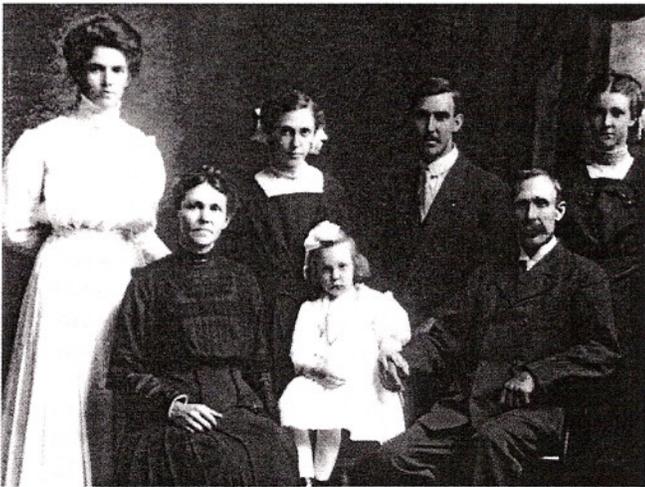
Avery "Clifford" (1888-1976) married Ethel Horton (1885-1966) and they lived in St. Thomas where Cliff was an electrician.

Rosamond "Irene" (1890-1978) married Henry Charles "Harry" Ford (1888-1955), son of John and Mary (Isaac) Ford and they lived north of Elimville. Harry was a labourer and then was road superintendent of the township for years. The family are; Avery Newton (1913-1913), Harry LaVerne (1915-1915), Laura Evelyn Irene, Ina Joy, Clarence Roy, Edna Lucille and Gordon Clifford. (See the Ford story).

Verna Ina Ruth (1897-1933) married John Allison and they moved to Springfield where John worked as a labourer.



*The Silas & Mary (Hooper) Whitlock Family, c1889 – back: Peter & Martha (Williams) W., Mary (Sagert), Elizabeth & John Manning; front: Francis “Aunt Frank”, Mary (Hooper) W., and Helen W., Percy W., Cora Manning, Clifford W., Silas W., Flossie W., and John W.*



*The Peter & Martha (Williams) Whitlock Family, 1912 – Irene (Ford), Verna (Allison), Clifford, Joy (Sparling); front: Martha, Evelyn (Horne) and Peter.*

They had six children, Marjorie, Marion, Margaret, Ronald, Muriel and Roy.

Edith “Joy” (1899-1986) married Henry “Harry” Sparling (1900-1986), a widower with three children, Nellie, Harvey and Hazel. Their mother was Meryl Irene Rumble and they farmed at Anderson in Blanshard Twp. When Harry married Joy they moved to London, but before this, Harry operated the road grader in Osborne for about 20 years and Wm. Routly was the road superintendent. Nellie (1926) married Earl Parrish and they lived in London, Mossley and Lucan. Earl worked at Wolseley Barracks in London. They had eleven children, Ron, Murray, Wayne, Anne, Marlene, Sheila, Doug, Janice, Brian, David and Wanda. Harvey (1927-1993) was a minister and a teacher who taught at Winchelsea (1947-48) and Zion (1951-53) schools and was with the North York Board of Education for 35 years. He was Academic Dean and Professor of Counselling at the Canada Christian College. He married Iris Lucille Boyce (1925-1970), daughter of Robert and Bernice (Barisdale) Boyce and

they had one son Steve and he and his wife Cathy and their three children, Christina, Robert and Amanda live in Toronto. Harvey’s second wife, Lillian (Graham) lives in Hibbert Twp. Hazel married Jack Zavitz and they lived at Nilestown where Jack was a carpenter. They moved to Belmont in 1974. They have two children, Rhonda Jean who married Tony Kramers and they have Tabitha and Lacey. Rhonda works in the head office of Big V in Aylmer; and Randall Milton married Teresa Freeman, daughter of Mike and Leola (Willis) Freeman and they have a son Jared Riley.

Violet “Evelyn” (1907) married Freeman Horne (1904-1995) and they have three children, Kathleen, Ruth and Raymond. (See the Horne story).

## The Eleazar Williams Family

Eleazar Williams (1828-1914) was the son of William and Ann (Benson) Williams. When but a boy of twelve years of age, his father was killed by a fall from his horse, and he was compelled to go out into the world and fend for himself. He married Elizabeth Ann Casey (1831-1865), daughter of Samuel Thorne and Sarah Van Blaricom on June 27, 1853. They had five daughters, Sarah, Amoret, Elmyra, Isabelle, and Martha.

Sarah Ann (1854-1939) married Wm. McLagan (1843-1931) on April 26, 1875. They farmed in Logan Twp., Perth County. Their family are Agnes, Wm. Casey (1880-1882), Mary Helen (1883-1914), Harvey, Jessie Elmyra (1886-1911) and Sarah Annabel “Sadie”. Agnes Amoret (1877-1966) married James Roy (1872-1948), son of William and Ann Elizabeth (Madge) Roy, a farmer in Logan Twp., and they had five children, Helen Jean married Fergus McTaggart, Agnes Geraldine “Gene” married Roy McPhail Miller, William (1911-1918), John (1915-1915) and Wilfred married Reta Belva Elliott. Harvey (1884-1980) married (1) Annie Luella Fleming (1889-1964) and their family are: Donald, Annetta, a nurse, Campbell, a doctor, Robert (1919-1926), Grace, a nurse, Keith, a farmer, Evan, a retired minister, and Donald a dentist. His second wife was Lillie “Adella” (Haynes) McPhail. Keith McLagan married Eileen Fanson and their third child Agnes Luella married Wm. Denham, son of Ronald and Doris (Skinner) Denham of Kirkton and they have five sons Steven, Jason, Matthew, Tyler, and Cameron. Sadie (1890) married George Geil and they lived in Logan Twp., and had two children Doris and Lloyd.

Rhoda “Amoret” (1856-1928) married Daniel Unger (1852-1946) and their three sons are Thorton, Hedley (1879-1958) and Walter who died young. They lived at Napanee, and went west to farm in Manitoba. They were at Delorane in 1907, moved to Carmen, and in 1932, they moved about 4 miles west of Stonewall. Hedley married Catherine “Kate” Dougall, daughter of James and Sarah (Ingram) Dougall of Whitewater, and a sister of Mrs. Charles Miller (Hattie Ingram Dougall) and they had three children, Florence (1907-1959), Avery (1911-1994) and Helen. Florence was badly crippled with arthritis. Helen, a registered nurse, married Alex Godkin and they lived at Morris and had two sons, Robert and Paul. When Daniel and Amoret retired from the farm in 1948, Avery and his wife Frances (Simms) farmed until 1974 when they retired into Stonewall. Avery and Frances have four children, Ron and Heather have a seed

Barbara Jean is a registered nurse at the Grey Bruce Regional Centre in Owen Sound and has been there nine years. On June 2, 1995 she married Robi Lee Harnack.



*The Skinner Twins on Their Wedding Days  
Bradley & Sandi (Fremlin) Skinner and Barbara (Skinner)  
and Robie Lee Harnack.*

## The Smale Family

Lot 9, Con. 3, Usborne Twp., was settled by Jonas Smale (c.1795-1868) and his wife, Sally Whitlock (c.1808-1852). They had been married at Black Torrington Parish in Devon, England in 1835. Jonas had been a household servant. His name is recorded several ways in census records. In 1848, he was Joseph Small, in 1850 Jonis Smale, in 1851 Joseph Smell, but in 1861 he is recorded correctly as Jonas Smale. Mrs. Smale had Whitlock relatives in Usborne. The children of this family were Robert, Eliza, John W., Elinor, Mary and Justina, some born in England and some in Canada.

In 1855, Jonas purchased his farm from the Canada Company for £62-1-0 (about \$310) for 100 acres. In the 1861 census, he placed a cash value of \$2,400 on the farm, plus \$160 for implements. The residence was described as a log shanty. After the death of the father, Jonas, the farm was inherited by Robert and John Smale and it remained in the Smale family until the early 1870's. In 1869, Robert and John divided the property into north and south halves. Robert took the north half, and John the south. In 1870, Robert deeded 10 acres of his land to John and the remainder of his share, 40 acres, to Thomas Coates. Also by 1870, John appears to have deeded his share of 60 acres to John Jones.

The children of Jonas Smale and Sally Whitlock are as follows:

1. Robert Smale (c.1835-1870) worked for a time in Beverly Township in Wentworth County, where he married Elizabeth Grummet (1834-1873) of Sheffield. They later lived in Stanley Township in Huron County. They had seven children, Alice, Jonas, Sarah (Sally?), John G., William W., Mary Ellen and Robert T. In 1870, they appear to have been back in Usborne at Lot 9, Con. 3 since Robert died that year. Elizabeth was married again to John Magee, who had at least

one son, Nelson. She survived only a year or two after this marriage and the children were then parcelled out among various families in the neighbourhood. It is not known where most of them stayed. Alice Smale (c.1858-1875) was the eldest. She may have lived with the George Rook family. She was a Sunday School teacher at the Eden church and is said to have died of typhoid fever. Jonas Smale (c.1860-1861) died in infancy. Sarah Smale's name (c.1862-1869) is on a stone in the Eden cemetery cairn. John G. Smale (1864-1945) lived with his neighbours, Samuel and Margaret (Dempsey) Essery at Lot 8, Con. 3. One of his teachers at Eden school was Jim Jones. At the age of 17, he left Usborne to attend high school at Goderich, the county seat. In 1884, he received a Second Class Certificate, Grade B for teaching in public schools. He taught at S.S. #7 Usborne in 1883 and at #4 East Nissouri in 1884. He was advised by an Exeter doctor to live in a drier climate and in 1877 left for California with his uncle, John Grummett. In 1891, Elizabeth Dempsey (1866-1960) joined him and they were married. She was a daughter of Andrew and Mary (Essery) Dempsey, then of Exeter, and granddaughter of John and Ellen (Giffin) Dempsey and of William and Elizabeth (Folland) Essery, all of Usborne Township. They had six children in California. William W. Smale (1865-1897) became a carpenter and migrated to California in the 1880s. Mary Ellen Smale (1867-1913) married James Scott who had a plumbing business in Galt, Ontario, and they had four children. Robert T. Smale (1870-1900) became a printer and he, too migrated to California.

2. Eliza Smale (1838-?) the second child of Jonas and Sally, kept house for her father after the death of her mother. She married Henry Jones, son of John and Ann (Gilbert) Jones of Lot 11, Con. 2. They had two children, Charles and Thomas. Charles died in infancy. Thomas was two years old when his mother died. He farmed at Lot 11, Con. 2 and married Eliza Welsh. They had two daughters, Ella (?-1959) and Vera (1901-1971) who married Frank B. Rice of Brantford.

3. John W. Smale (c.1840-1919) married Elizabeth Easterbrook (c.1844-?). The witnesses were Robert and Elinor Smale, brother and sister of the groom. They had 12 children, and of these, Annie (1861) Charlotte? (1862), Lucy (1863), Silas (1866) and James (1868) were born while the family was living at the Smale farm, Lot 9, Con. 3. This family moved to Euphemia Township in Lambton County. Later, John W., the father, left the home and went west with his cousin, Robert Smale. In 1903, he settled at Kylemore, Saskatchewan and lived with the family of Thomas and Lily Smale.

4. Elinor Smale (1842-?) married William Sutton about 1860. They had six children but little is known about this family.

5. Mary Smale (1845-1912) was known as Mary Ellen or Polly. She married Frank Hollway and eventually they moved to Pontiac, Michigan. They had seven children.

6. Justina Smale (1847-1918) was in the 1851 census as Jassey. She married John Sutton (no relation to the husband of her sister Elinor). The family lived for a time in Clare, Michigan, then in Redfield, South Dakota. They had two children.

*Information from The Smale and Dempsey Families - a Genealogical Study by John G. Smale of Chico, California, 1984. Submitted by Mildred (Hicks) Creech.*

Grant (1904-1963) married Beatrice Madge (1907), daughter of Walter and Ida (Rohde) Madge and lived in Centralia and Grant worked for the creamery. They moved to Lot 13, Con. 7 and Grant worked for the London Sanitarium and later moved to London. They had five sons, Lorne, Roy, Gordon, Harold and Ronald. Lorne (1931-1994), married Lois Bryan (1932-1990) in 1951. Lorne joined the Airforce and he served eight years in Germany. He travelled to Germany on a boat the first time and flew the next times. They settled in London and Lorne was a real estate agent. They had two daughters, Joanne (1955-1990) and Barbara who lives in Byron. After Lois died, Lorne married Leone Bryan Riddell in 1992. Roy (1933-1991) married Susan Wayslowski and lived in Vancouver, B.C. Roy also served in the Airforce but he served in Canada. They had four children, David, Douglas, Dennis (1936-1989) and Denise. Roy worked for a computer firm. Gordon married Julie Ducharme and live in London. They have two children, Christopher and Debra. Gordon worked for a Linen Service. Harold (1938) married Izella Chepaski and they also live in London. They have two children, Barry and Lori Ann. Harold has worked all his life for McCormick's. Ronald (1949) married Elana Huang and lives in Guelph. They have one son Justin. Ronald works at the University of Guelph.

Mary Ford (1865) married Richard Hall and they lived in the USA. They had Sophia, Pearl, Archie and Lottie.

John J. Ford (1866-1935) married Mary Elizabeth Isaac (1865-1947) and they had four sons, Harry, Keith, Gordon and Cecil. Henry Charles "Harry" (1888-1955) married Irene Whitlock (1890-1976) daughter of Peter and Martha (Williams) Whitlock. (\*page 247) They had five children, Laura, Ina, Clarence, Edna and Gordon. Laura married William "Pat" Dickey on November 3, 1939 (\*page 222) They had Mary, Joyce, Dorothy, Sandra, Donna, Judy and Rob. Mary married Clayton Brock and they live in Elora where Clayton works for Pilkington Twp. They have three daughters, Terry, Susan and Bev and two sons, Steve and Dennis. Joyce married Donald Masnica and they live at R.R. 1 Sebright. Donald builds Arctic Trailers. They have three daughters, Pauline, Connie and Patty and two sons, Ed and Rodney. Dorothy married Gerald Morley and had a son Dan and a daughter Shari. Dorothy then married Bruce Peat and they live at Southcott Pines and Bruce is in the Roofing business. Sandra married Douglas Coward and had a son Stephen and a daughter Mary Margaret. Sandra then married John Ulch and they live in Kirkton where John is in sales and service of livestock trailers. Donna married Fred Brock and they live in Kitchener and Fred is a plumber. They have a son Adam and a daughter Laurie. Judy married Arnold Westlaken and live at R.R. #1 Camlachie. They have a son Andrew and a daughter Amy. Arnold works for Nova Core Chemicals in Sarnia. Rob married Julie Romphf and Rob works at Huron Motor Products Ltd. They have two daughters Ashley and Amberley and live in Exeter.

Ina Joy Ford (1920-1993) married Newman Albert Baker (1912) on Nov. 3, 1939, and they farmed in the Wellburn area. They retired to St. Marys. Clarence married Theresa Gosselin on August 12, 1952. He is retired but worked for Uniroyal in Kitchener for years. They have a family of three, Jenny, Andrew and Larry. Jenny married Dave Williams of Kitchener and they have three sons, Christopher, Sean and Michael. Andrew is a Kiniesiologist in the hospital at Orillia. Larry works at Goodrich in Kitchener. Edna (1924-1934) died of a ruptured appendix at the age of 10 years. Gordon married Shirley Armstrong on March 31, 1956 and they farm

on the home farm on N1/2 Lot 6, Con. 8. They have five children, Ricky married Marjorie Lane and they live in St. Thomas. They have two girls Carrie and Lori and Ricky is an electrician; Julie lives in London; Dalton works at Drywall; Lisa married Jim McDermott, a butcher and they live in Oshawa; Kristen works in St. Marys.



*The Gordon and Shirley (Armstrong) Ford Family – Lisa, Kristen, Gordon, Shirley, Dalton, Julie, Ricky.*

Keith Ford married Marie Canning and he worked at the Grigg Hotel in London, where they live. Gordon Ford married Margaret McGovern and was supervisor at Buick in Flint, Michigan where they reside. They have a family of three, Joan, Margaret and John. Cecil Ford was a painter and resides in London.



*The Clarence and Theresa (Gosselin) Ford Family – back: Jenny, Theresa, Clarence; front: Andrew and Larry.*

## The Harold Foster Family

Lot 8, Con. 12

Harold Edward Foster was born in 1938, the son of the late Herbert William John Foster and Harriet Elizabeth Davidson of Lot 24, Con. 13, Fullarton Township. Harold graduated from the Ontario Agricultural College in Guelph in 1962. He spent 10 years working with the Ontario Veterinary Services Branch in Guelph and Centralia.

In 1972, Harold purchased Lot 8, Con. 12, in Osborne from Cecil and Verna Dobson. Later that same year, he married Marion Catherine Huxley from Hillsburgh, Ontario.

# The George Ford Family

George Ford was born in 1813, and was christened on January 9, 1814. He married Johanna (1826) who was born in Ireland. They had John (1843-), Mary (1846-). On April 1, 1851, Elizabeth Ann, daughter of George Ford was baptized in Stephen Twp. George married Mary Willis on June 27, 1860. In the census of 1861 George is listed as living on Lot 20 Con. 4 Stephen Twp and in the 1871 census the children's names were Eliza (age 17), twins Susan & Betsy, twins George & Wm (10), Mary Ann (6) and John (4). We don't know what happened to the oldest children John and Mary but we know that on Nov. 10, 1889 Elizabeth Ford, age 19, born in Canada, daughter of George and Mary married Conrad Fischer, 23 years living in Stephen and born in Germany. Dietrich Dipple, Evangelical Association performed the ceremony.

Eliza Jane Ford (1854-1932) married Richard Neil (1852-1880) and had two children Robert & Mary Jane "Jennie". Richard died at the age of 28 and Eliza married Thomas Philip Prouse Elliott (1862-1953), son of Thomas & Mary Jane (Prouse) Elliott. They lived in the Kirkton & Exeter area. Ethel, Eldred, John & Samuel were born in Kirkton and Trueman, Herman & Maude Lee were born in Exeter. (check the Elliott story for more information)

Betsy (1858-1920) married Jack Dearing and lived in the USA. They had three daughters Pearl, Ethel & Nellie.

Susan (1858-1920) married Paul Winer and they had two sons Hiram & Russell and they lived in the USA.

George (1860-) married Maria Green and they lived at Francistown. They had Roy who married Mabel Wells, Pearl who married Thomas Sanders, Alice Lee (1889-1890) & Garnet (1892-1970) married Natalie Myrtle Hill, and had two daughters Alberta and Shirley. Garnet served with the horse contingent in W.W.I. George married Annie Perry and they had seven children; Linnebel, Janet, Flossie, Jack, Viola, Henry and Stella.

William Ford (1860-1934) married Minnie Harrison (18?-1930) and they farmed on Lot 12, Con. 4. They had a family of nine children; Winnie, Leslie, Fred, Emma, Irene, Blanche, Arthur, Pernell and Grant. Agnes Winnifred "Winnie" married Thomas Brook, son of John and Mary Ann (Butler) Brook, on March 13, 1907. They farmed north of Clandeboye on Highway 4. They had a daughter Onie who married Harold McFalls and a son Grant and they live in Lucan. Leslie lived in Snowflake, Manitoba. Frederick (1889-1966) married Effie May Cooper (1891-1979), daughter of Jonathon and Isabella (Hogg) Cooper, on January 31, 1912. They had four sons, Gerald, Arnold, Reginald, and William. Gerald Cooper (1912-1989) married Ruth Balkwill on August 3, 1935. Gerald learned the butchering trade in Exeter and was a salesman for meat packing firms in the area. They had three children, James, Geraldine, and Nancy and lived in Hanover. Frederick "Arnold" Bruce (1916-1994) married Mary Ella Grace Kirk, daughter of Lewis and Mable (Houlden) Kirk on April 24, 1948. Arnold served in the reserve army in Canada and drove a truck for Canada Packers for 20 years and then drove for a dry cleaning business in Exeter for 15 years. Arnold and Mary lived in Exeter and had two children, Gary who married Barbara Chapman and Sherry married James Hayter. Reginald Jonathon Ford (1921) married Jeannette Faye Beckett on September 19, 1942 and they lived in Fenwick. Reg served in the army in France in WWII and worked at General Motors in St. Catharines. They have two daughters, Deborah who married

Fred Rohrmoser and Margo who married Gerry Huibers. William Harrison (1927-1993) married Bernice Tripp on May 17, 1947. Bill farmed the N1/2 of Lot 9, Con. 3 and worked at ODC in Centralia. Emily Ada "Emma" (1893-1968) married John A. Pollard (1888-1967) and they had the store in Centralia. They had a daughter Gretta who married Arthur Hodgins and they live in London. Irene married Richard Hicks, son of Samuel and Eliza Ann Bealey and they moved to Detroit where Richard worked in the car factory. They had five children, William, Evelyn married George Miller, Alan, Ivan and Maxine. Arthur (1899-1981) married Leda Harding (1898-1981), daughter of Joslin and Mary (Cornish) Harding on September 25, 1926. They farmed in Usborne and then moved to Stephen Twp. They had two children, Lois and Irvin. Lois Lenore married Kenneth Hern (1919-1976), son of John T. and Christina (Earl) Hern, on February 11, 1947. Ken was manager of the Exeter Co-op, then moved to Milton and worked in the Halton Co-op as fieldman and then moved to Erin and managed the Erin Co-op. They had three children; Shirley, Graham and Janice. Shirley Lenore married Donald Wm. Wright, son of Ted and Shirley Wright on July 14, 1967 and live in Kitchener. They had two daughters Denise and Michelle and Don works for Ontario Hydro. Graham Kenneth married Olga Kulyk on June 5, 1976 and live in Mississauga. They have two children, Kendra and Michael and Graham works for the Bank of Montreal. Janice married Terry Mundell on July 11, 1981, and they live in Erin. They have two children Tyler and Joel and Terry works in the family lumber business. Irvin Joslin married Elaine Bell in 1957 and they had three children, Deborah, Karen and Randy. Deborah Elaine married Larry Clark and they live in Wyoming and have two daughters, Jennifer and Michelle. Larry works for Ontario Hydro. Karen Elizabeth married Mark Tuckey and they have a daughter Clara, live in Exeter and Mark works for Huron Motor Products Ltd. Randy Irvin William Arthur married Alicia Creal and they live at Williams Lake, B.C. and Randy works for a Helicopter company as a mechanic. Irvin works at Grand Bend Produce. Elaine lives in Exeter and works at the Exeter Villa. We don't know anything about Blanche. Pernell married Gertrude and lived in Detroit where he worked in the car factory and had a son and a daughter.



*Part of the George Ford Family – Bill & Minnie (Harrison) Ford, Tom & Eliza (Ford) Elliott, George Jr. & Annie (Perry) Ford, Dick & Mary Ann (Ford) Hall, John & Mary (Isaac) Ford. The three Ford men, Bill, George and John were brothers. Bill and George were twins. Eliza and Mary were their sisters.*

We eventually grew up and left home for different jobs, school and marriage. With the death of our parents, Robert and Marion took over the farm in 1955, farming until 1965 when they moved into Exeter. They sold the farm to Walter McBride, a neighbour.

With the selling of the farm this concludes "The Arthur Kerslake Family Farm History".

## Harold and Shirley Kerslake

Harold E. Kerslake and Shirley Coultis were married November 24, 1945.

In 1948, they purchased a farm from Mrs. John Brock, consisting of 137 acres, on Lot 9, Con. 6 of Usborne Twp. They raised six children; Edwin, who married Joy Seldon; Donald, who married Shirley Brintnell; Joyce, (Mrs. Larry Fulton); Joan, (Mrs. Dale Skinner); Donna and Lori. At present, Harold and Shirley are blessed with ten grandchildren.

Originally, Harold ran a mixed dairy farm. In 1973, he switched to a beef/cash crop operation. He has been going to Ponoka, Alberta each fall for the past sixteen years to purchase cattle. The original house, barn and two sheds are still in use. Over the years, a cattle barn, implement shed and shop, bunker silo, two upright silos, two steel granaries and a hay shed have been added. The entire farm has been systematically tiled.

In 1957, 47 acres known as Lot 9, Con. 5, was purchased from William Ellerington. In 1960, Lot 7, Con. 6 consisting of 100 acres, was purchased from Nelson Coultis. This parcel of land was sold to Harold's son, Edwin in 1972. In 1976, the south half of Lot 8, Con. 7, consisting of 50 acres was purchased from Laverne Skinner. A partnership which operated under the name of "Kerslake Farms" was formed in 1983 with sons Edwin and Donald. In 1986, a limited company, formed by Donald and Edwin, purchased the land owned by Harold and Shirley.

Harold and Shirley still live in the house they have occupied for the past 41 years.



*Harold Kerslake's pride and joy — His team of horses. Riding are sisters Phyllis Case and Pat Schroeder.*

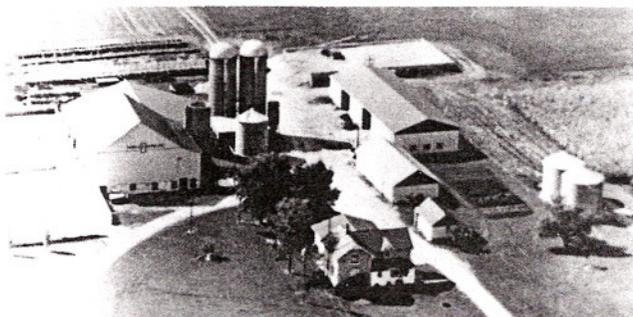


*The Harold Kerslake Family — (back) Donald, Joyce Fulton, Donna, Harold, Edwin; (front) Joan Skinner, Lori, Shirley (Coultis)*

## Don and Shirley Kerslake

Lot 9, Con. 7

In the spring of 1975, Donald James Kerslake, (born August 4, 1952) purchased the property (100 acres), known as Lot 9, Con. 7, Usborne Twp. from Laverne Skinner. He also purchased a 50 acre parcel known as N½ Lot 8, Con. 7 Usborne Twp. from Wesley Heywood. On June 21, 1975, he married Shirley Anne Brintnell (born May 25, 1954) at Chiselhurst United Church. They lived in a trailer on Don's father's farm across the road from their farm. After considerable renovations to the house, they moved to their own farm in April, 1978. On July 29, 1980, their first child, Elizabeth



*The Harold Kerslake Farm — top in 1981, bottom in 1960.*



*The Don Kerslake Family — Don, Elizabeth, Shirley (Brintnell) and Michael (1989).*

Anne was born. Their second child, Michael James, was born on September 5, 1983, and as of now, Michael is the only male to carry on the Kerslake name in the present generation.

Two older sheds have been torn down and a two-car garage with attached carport has been built between the house and the barn. A large addition to the barn to store machinery was built and the barn has been covered with steel. Don and his brother Edwin, currently operate a limited company, which owns their father's (Harold Kerslake) farm.



*Don and Shirley Kerslake's Farm — Lot 9, Con. 7 in 1915 and in 1989.*

## The Edwin Kerslake Family

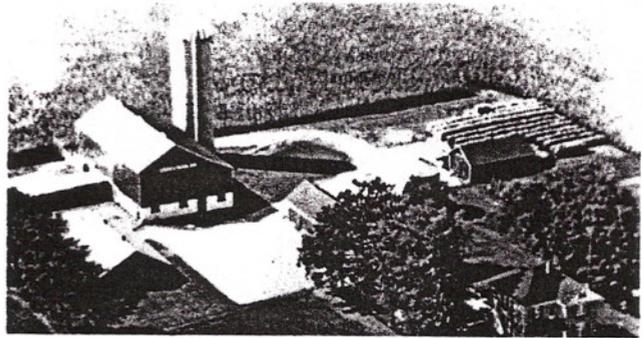
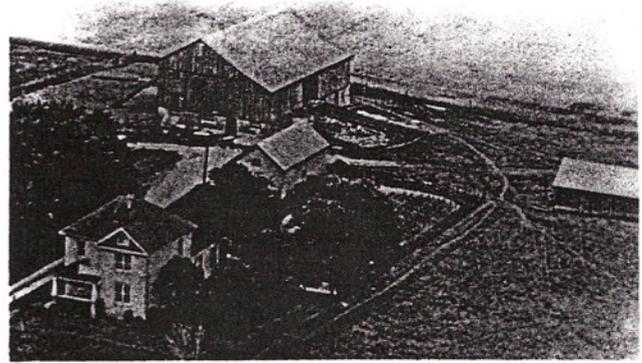
### Lot 7, Con. 6

Edwin H. Kerslake was born July 7, 1948, son of Harold and Shirley (Coulitis) Kerslake. He was raised on the family farm and lived there until he was married in 1971. His wife, Joy is the daughter of Wallace and Florence Seldon of Exeter. Ed and Joy moved into Harold's other farm (the Coulitis homestead) and in 1972 purchased this 100 acre farm. In 1973, they purchased 50 acres, Lot 8, Con. 6 from Alvin Cooper. At that time they ran a beef, pork and cash crop operation.

In 1983, Edwin formed a partnership with his father, Harold and his brother, Don and ran it as "Kerslake Farms".

Since then, Edwin and Don have purchased Harold's farms and are running a beef and cash crop operation.

Edwin and Joy have two daughters, Sarah, age 15 years and Natalie, age 5 years (as of 1989).



*Farm of Ed and Joy Kerslake Lot 7, Con. 6 in 1960 and 1981.*

## The Jim Kerslake Farm

### Lot 10, Con. 1

The Kerslake property, Lot 10 and Lot 11, Con. 1, Usborne Township was purchased originally from the Canada Company on January 8, 1847 by Hugh Balkwill. These properties changed hands many times. There was also a one acre lot on the corner butting number 4 highway and the Kirkton road, that over the years was home to a hotel, a blacksmith shop and housing.

John Kerslake came from England when he was two years old and along with his family settled on the second concession of Usborne Township.

John Kerslake married Mary Ann Rowe in 1870. They had seven children; Mary, Charles, Alice, Louisa, Rhoda, Ethel and Frank. Louisa and Frank died as infants.

On January 2, 1895, John Kerslake bought Lot 10 and 11, Con. 1, from Edward Christie and one year later, January 3, 1896, he bought the one acre lot on the corner. This gave him a 200 acre parcel of land with the Kirkton road dividing it down the middle.

John and his family lived on Lot 10 for a couple of years and then in 1898, on Lot 11 he built the large, five bedroom white brick house that still stands on the property today. There have been many minor changes both inside and outside the house but the basic structure remains unchanged.

Charles Kerslake, John's son, took over the running of the farm in September of 1907. Charles married Mary Taylor in 1912 and they had two children; Howard and Josie.

Howard married Mary Earl in 1941 and rented the farm from his father, Charles until he passed away in 1952. Howard and Mary had three children, Dorothy (Coates), Exeter; Marion (McPherson), Cataract; and Jim, who is the fourth generation to live at Lot 11.

Howard and Mary made some changes to the property. In

(called the "drive-shed" in the older days) was built in 1905, or 1906.

The type of farming was primarily mixed farming with a heavy emphasis on beef production around the turn of the century. Subsequently, under Theron's management it returned to a mixed farming type of agriculture, and then again specialized in beef production in the 1960s. It is currently in cash crop with a major emphasis on wheat and soybeans.



*The Walter Creery Family — (back) Walter, Katharine (Creery), David Burgess, and David Creery, (front) Lindy (Samson), Dana (Rodgers) Creery.*

## The Cudmores

Lots 29 and 30, Con. 5

Owners of Lot 29 were; The Canada Company, James Bonthron, Henrietta Ballantine, John Ballantine and Lancolet Hardy, John Moir and Thomas Cudmore. The owners of Lot 30 were; The Canada Company, James Bonthron, Henrietta Ballantine, Thomas Ballantine and Thomas Cudmore.

Thomas purchased Lot 30 in 1875, and lived there with his 2nd wife, May Ann (Johns) and children, Samuel, Alfred, Ellen Jane, Caleb, Harriet Grace, and Rosetta May. His first wife was Mary Anne Thompson of Tuckersmith Township. She died October 1870 and had two children. In 1882, he purchased the parcel of land called Lot 29, where the Cudmores now reside.



*The Tile Yard of Samuel Cudmore — Nelson and Ferd Desjardine, Emerson Cornish, Tommy Cook, Will Somerville (with the team), Edgar and Gordon Cudmore (the boys in front).*

Samuel obtained the property upon the death of his father Thomas. He and his wife, Alice (Daley), and sons Edgar, Gordon, Mervyn and Harold farmed Lot 30, and from Lot 29, operated "S. Cudmore Cement Tile Yards". Upon Samuel's death in 1916, the "S. Cudmore Cement Tile Yards" ceased and Alice continued to farm and to sell gravel from the pits on Lot 29.

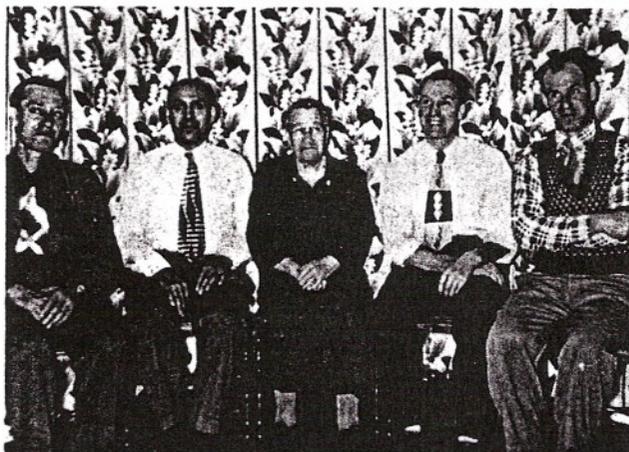
Harold purchased Lot 29 and 30 from his mother in 1941, which he farmed, as well as hauling gravel from the pits for the surrounding area. In 1941, this was a new idea that gravel was hauled by the owner of the pit to his customers.

In 1946, Lot 30 was sold to Leon Triebner, and Harold and Gladys (McKenzie) moved to Lot 29 to raise their children, Ruth and Leslie. The front part of the house on Lot 29 was moved from Lot 28, Con. 7 which was known as the Lumley Post Office.

Lot 29 is very easily recognized now because of the quantity of automobiles and the distinctive skyline of three windmills. In the early thirties, the first windmill was built and in 1988, the three windmills are still providing electricity to the house and barn.

The automobiles are part of the autowrecking business which was started in 1952. At present the autowrecking business specializes in antique and special interest parts. With Harold's interest in antique cars it is only fitting that he own two Russell automobiles named after Thomas A. Russell, who was raised at N.T.R.

Harold's son, Leslie, resides and operates a wood business on Lot 29 and Ruth Johnson, Harold's daughter and her husband Larry operate an insurance brokerage firm in London.



*The Samuel Cudmore Family — Edgar, Gordon, Alice (Daley), Mervyn, and Harold.*

## The Edgar Cudmore Farm

Lot 31, Con. 4 was first deeded by the Canada Co. to John Blatchford on November 21, 1882. It consisted of 100 acres and it remained in the Blatchford family for twenty-four years, before it was sold to Wm. Horton. By then, the property had been divided by the Blatchfords and the rest was sold to Peter McQueen. In 1908, Wm. Horton sold to Henry Horton and thirty years later his widow, Martha sold this farm to Edgar and Muriel (Keyes) Cudmore. They raised two children, Marjorie and Alvin. They farmed there for over sixty years. In the later years the farm was rented, but Edgar grew blueberries. Edgar passed away and Muriel remained

Steven, Paul, Larry and John in 1968, Steven married Anne-Marie Mathieson and in 1988 Paul married Helen Mathieson.

In 1975, Larry married Joyce Kerslake, daughter of Harold and Shirley Kerslake, Usborne Township and they have one son Ryan and twin daughters Kelli and Kerri. Alvin died September 9, 1981, and Millie still resides in Elimville.

After retiring Millie was active in the church and the Women's Institute.

## The Larry Fulton Family

Larry William Fulton, son of Alvin and Mildred Fulton was married to Joyce Elsie Kerslake, daughter of Harold and Shirley Kerslake in April 1975. They purchased the former home of Alvin Fulton in November 1974, located at Lot 10, Con. 7, Usborne in the village of Elimville.

Their son Ryan William was born in 1979 and twin daughters Kelli Lyn and Kerri Ann were born in 1983. All three children now attend Usborne Central School.

Larry operates his own business, known as Larry Fulton Plumbing and Electric. Joyce is employed with Gaiser Kneale Ins. Brokers Inc. in Exeter.



*The Larry Fulton Family — (back) Larry and Ryan, (front) Kelli, Joyce and Kerri.*

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daughter, Janet, born May 10, 1857. Jane was born in 1857 at Exeter,



*John and Catherine (M)*

John Fyfe had been a shipwright known to have voyaged to the Arctic to a Russian port on the White Sea. Mosquitoes were big as flies and were repaired and built ships, found his home in his new home. He farmed on Usborne Twp. to which Ontario Land Records on January 18, 1861. John also owned woollen cloth and blankets were made. Census indicates that he worked as an employee and did mostly custom work. On January 15, 1894 and Catharine only buried in Exeter Cemetery.

John's brother Laurence, born in Wemyss parish, married Agnes C. Kelly and Mary Kelly of Turnberry Twp. on Usborne and Agnes farmed on Lot 26, Con. 7 and had seven children, Mary, Annie, John and Foster. Laurence died on December 31, 1927. They are buried in Exeter Cemetery.

route several years earlier to join their cousins Joshia Miners and Elizabeth Miners, wife of John Pollard, who had settled near Mount Elgin in Dereham Township, Oxford County. There, George met and married Ann Hymers. By the time William and his family arrived, George and Ann had a son, William, and another son, Robert, was born the next year.

William Miners, Sr., obtained a grant from the Canada Company of the north half of Lot 6, Con. 7, Osborne Township. His brother George Miners took up the grant of Lot 3, Con. 7, and the brothers went to work establishing their homesteads. Under the terms of the grants the settlers had to clear land, build a dwelling and start ploughing within thirty days. Quite a challenge in an era before moveable power saws were invented and when the land was covered by big trees!

House and barn construction was a community affair in those days, with even distant neighbours coming to help with the work and enjoy the food, drink and companionship. George was an excellent carpenter, so he helped at many barn raisings. At one near Elimville, some of the notorious "black" Donnelly family from Biddulph Township came to help. The Donnellys were good workers, but frequently got into fights. A fight broke out and George Miners beat up on the Donnellys, who left vowing that they'd return and "get" George. George didn't wait to be "got", he packed up his family and returned to Oxford county where many of his and Joshia Miners descendants live today.

#### WILLIAM MINERS SENIOR'S FAMILY

William and Jemima Miners were married December 10, 1842 in the church of St. Ladoca, Ladock, Cornwall, where their first four children were christened. They had four more children after settling in Osborne Township, making a family of eight. William died May 22, 1887, and Jemima died September 2, 1900. Both are buried in the Elimville cemetery.

I. Jacchaus (Case) Miners (1843-1896) the eldest son of William Miners, Sr., became a conductor on the Grand Trunk Railroad and worked on the train between Port Huron and Buffalo. He was the conductor on the first train to go through the tunnel under the Detroit river. Case married twice, his first wife's name is now unknown, the second was Mary Howard. By his first wife he had four children, Margaret "Maggie", William who married Rachel Mann and had a son George; Anne and Charles. By his second wife William had another son, Milton, who lost an eye as a child when a playmate poked a stick into the knothole in a fence through which Milton was looking.

II. William Jr., (1846-1915) the second son's story is told later.

III. Charles Miners (1847-1916) was the third child of William and Jemima Miners. Charles married Emma Dauncey and their descendants live in Thunder Bay, Ontario.

1. Ethel married William Walter Rutherford and had Lincoln, Neal, Samuel and Lillian Rutherford.

2. Charles and Emma's son William married a lady named Violet and had a son Donald Miners.

IV. George Miners (1853-1876) was the fourth child of William and Jemima Miners. Family legend tells that he died as a baby on the ocean crossing when William and Jemima came to Canada. He was buried at sea and William and Jemima had another baby who they named George. However, census birth and death records show that the George born in Cornwall lived and became a photographer in St. Marys but died young, unmarried.

V. Sarah Ann Miners (1857-1921) was the fifth and first to be born in Canada. In 1877, Sarah married Silas Johns, son of Richard Johns and Eliza Whitlock, and they had four children.

1. William Johns (1878-1963) married Ida Passmore and had eight children, Garnet, Gilbert (see \*pg 302), Alan, Margaret, Dorothy, twins Ethelene and Eilene, and Hazel.

2. Elizabeth "Lizzie" (1880-1964) was the second wife of William Pybus, had no children.

3. Cora May (1882-1900) who died unmarried.

4. Henry Edward Johns (1885-1942) who married Vera Edwards and had two daughters, Gladys and Hazel.

5. Silas Alden Johns (1889-1943) married Margaret Frazer and moved to western Canada. Their son is Donald Johns.

VI. The sixth child of William Sr. and Jemima was John Thomas Miners (1858-1932) who took over his father's farm after his death (see Miners family \*pg. 329).

VII. The seventh child was Thomas Miners (1861-1943) who had the misfortune to lose his first wife Elizabeth Andrew when their children were very young. (see Andrew Family \*pg. 164). Thomas moved to western Manitoba leaving his little daughters, Pearl and Ruby to be brought up on the Osborne Township farm by his wife's parents, Phillip and Anne (Delbridge) Andrew, with financial support from his own share of his father's estate.

1. Pearl Miners (1885-1966) married Richard Johns and had Bessie, who married Vince Bencsik, and Philip Johns who married Marjorie Earl (see \*pg. 305).

2. Ruby Miners (1886-1977) lived in Exeter and was unmarried.

Thomas settled in Rivers, Manitoba where he married Catherine Ann Brethour (1891-1950) and had another family.

3. Ivy Myrtle Miners (1896) who died unmarried.

4. Jessie Mae Miners (1898) who married Hugh Charles Rea on September 1, 1928 and had a son Donald Charles Rea in 1929.

5. Amy Vina Miners (1900) who, on November 9, 1921 married Bruce Butler (1899) and had Kenneth (1922), Bruce (1935), William (1940) and Ida Butler (1924) who married Clarence McLellan in 1947.

VIII. Elizabeth Miners the youngest child of William and Jemima did not live to grow up. According to family stories, her death occurred either in her early school days or her early teens. She was six when the 1871 census was taken, but is not listed, even as "recently deceased" on the 1881 census.

#### THE FAMILY OF WILLIAM MINERS, JUNIOR

II. William Miners, Jr. (1846-1915) was known as "William the younger" on official documents of the time, but as "William Junior" by family and friends. He was the second child of William Sr. He moved into the town of Exeter where he became a master carpenter and many of the barns he built in the Exeter area were still in use. When William Sr. died, Wm. Jr. was the Executor of his Estate. On May 23, 1871, William Jr. married Jane Andrew, daughter of George Samuel Andrew and Elizabeth Bailey of Osborne Township (see The Andrew Family \*pg. 164). They had nine children.

1. Rose Jane Miners (1872-1922) married Thomas Johns and moved to a farm near Camrose, Alberta. Rose and Thomas had two daughters and a son. Pearl Johns (1895-1987) married John McLean (died 1975) and moved to

Vancouver Island, near Nanaimo, B.C. They had five children, Jean McLean (1923) who married George M. McMorran in 1948, and has two sons, Robert (1952) and Gordon (1953); Margaret McLean (1925) married Roy Findlay in 1950 and had Patricia (1953) and James (1954); Robert McLean (1927) married Marguerite Hawes in 1953, and their daughter is Roberta Hawes (1954); Ian McLean (1931) married Charlotte Taylor in 1957, their daughter Linda Joan was born in 1958; and Sandy McLean was born in 1940.

B. Dorothy Johns (1914) second daughter of Rose and Thomas, was married in 1952 to Percy Williams of Eston, Saskatchewan. Their daughter is Evelyn Janey (1956) who married Leon Lyle Gortzen (1953) in 1976. They had a son Jared Lee Gortzen in 1981.

C. Stanley Johns (1898), son of Rose and Thomas Johns, married Edith Walker and for a time they lived in Saskatoon where Stan worked for the C.M. Miners Construction Company. During the depression of the 1930, Stanley moved to Alberta. In 1934, Stan and Edith had twin sons, Richard and Donald. Donald married Gayle and they had a daughter Glenna in 1968.

2. William Junior's second daughter, Annie Loretta "Lilly" (1874-1876) died when she was two years old.

3. William "George" Miners (1876-1960) the eldest son of William Jr., married Catherine Parlmer "Kate" in 1902, and they had four sons, but two died in infancy. The eldest of their sons who lived to adulthood was George Reginald Parlmer Miners (1903-1964). He first married Anne Spenser by whom he had four children, George, Stewart, Jemima June who married a Mr. Kelly and had a daughter Patricia Ann Kelly; and Catherine Miners. Reg and Annie were divorced, and in 1939 Reg married Doris Taylor. Their daughter Marguerite married John Bainer by whom she had three sons, Norman, Kevin and Sean who live in Kingman, Arizona.

B. Kenneth Andrew Miners (1907-1975), the younger surviving son of George and Kate Miners, became comptroller of the Great Lakes Paper Company in Thunder Bay, Ontario. Ken married Catherine "Kay" Maddiford and their daughter Patricia married Ross Goodwill. They live in Edmonton, Alberta and have two sons, Andrew and Brian.

4. Frederick Andrew Miners (1879-1960) the second son of William Jr., moved to Saskatoon, Sask., and married Jessie Mae Dunn in 1920. They had a daughter and two sons. Jean Miners (1911) married Arthur Lovatt "Happy" and they had Gary Arthur who was killed in a plane crash as a young man; James Frederick; Wilbur Dale; and Russell Wayne. All are married with families and live in Alberta. William Edward "Bill" (1914-1988) the older son worked in the family construction company in Saskatoon and then moved to the construction industry in the Canadian northwest. Bill finally settled in Camrose, Alberta where he founded his own firm, Miners Construction Company. He married Margaret MacNab and they had three children. Bruce Miners (1943) married Judy, daughter of Joseph Zerr in 1964, and they had four children, Shane (1967), Shannon (1969) who married Dale Metzger, and have twins Amanda and Dale (1988), Bruce (1971) and Jennifer (1976). Bonnie (1945) married Keith Hawkins and after a divorce married Eric Davis. Wendy (1954) married Robert Shearer in 1976 and have four children, Robert, Melinde, William and Kathryn. Frederick and Jessie's son Bruce (1918-1941) died of cancer.

William Jr.'s next two girls both married and moved to the United States where their descendants are now living.

5. Innis Mabel Miners (1881-1924) married William Howard Bromwell (1882-1954) and had Doris (1917-1987) who married Jack Harold French, and had Steven Harold. Lincoln Howard Bromwell (1920) married Reva Jean Stroing, and had two sons, Garry James (1942) and Charles Wayne (1945) who live in California.

6. Elizabeth Amy "Linda" Miners (1883-1935) married Charles Carr. They didn't have any children of their own, but adopted a daughter Marjorie who married a Quinton.

7. The third son, and seventh child, Charles Milton (1885-1957) had a large family (see later).

8. Josephine Victoria Miners (1888-1956) was the youngest daughter of William and Jane. "Tory" obtained a Bachelors degree from Columbia Teachers College (now University) New York, and her Masters degree from University of Michigan at Ann Arbour. She was the first woman school principal in Saskatoon, Sask., and was very well known in teaching circles throughout Canada. Tory was principal of Haultain School at the time of her retirement. For a few more years, she worked in the University of Saskatchewan Faculty of Education. In the summer of 1956, while holidaying in Ontario, Tory was accidentally struck and killed by a passing car.

9. Clarence Miners (1892) the youngest son and last child of William Jr., married Ethel Marlatte late in life and they had no children. Ethel was a widow with three children.

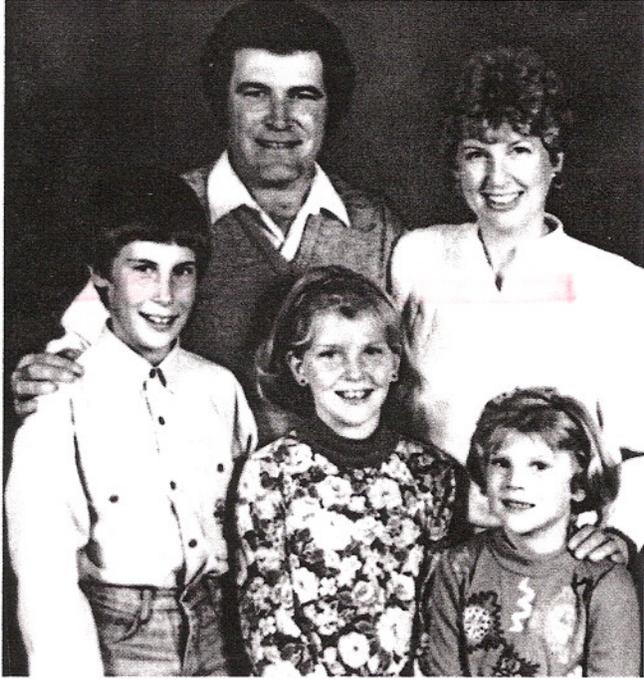


*William Jr. & Jane (Andrew) Miners Family c 1895 – (back) George, Fred, Rose, Mabel; front: Charles (on the stool), Jane, Linda (leaning on her knee), Victoria "Tory", William, with Clarence on his lap.*

William Miners Jr.'s three younger sons all moved to Saskatoon, Sask. There Charles Milton Miners, the third son formed the C.M. Miners Construction Company in which Fred Miners, the second son, was the carpenter foreman, and Clarence Miners, the youngest son, was the shop foreman.

When the second world war ended, the C.M. Miners Construction Company had recovered from the financial straits of the 1930's. Charlie, Fred and Clarence were still active and Charlie was looking forward to expansion during the post-war construction period. He wanted men that he knew and who knew construction as the nucleus of his organization, so offered jobs to both his sons, Everett and Ken, as well as to his son-in-law Jack Brooks. Fred's son Bill, was already with the Company having been carpenter foreman on the construction of the Commonwealth Air Training stations in Saskatchewan during the war.

Dale Philip Skinner was born June 16, 1951. On June 10, 1978 he married **Joan Marlene Kerslake** (b. Jan. 17, 1957), daughter of Harold and **Shirley (Coultis) Kerslake**. They moved to Lot 3, Con. 6 which was the homestead of Marjorie and the late Squire Herdman. Dale and Joan have three children, Trevor Philip (b. June 12, 1980), Laura Joanne (b. Jan. 29, 1982) and Megan Marlene (b. April 29, 1985). Dale works for Usborne Township as foreman and grader operator. Joan is presently attending the University of Western Ontario fulltime. She is working towards attaining her B.Sc. in Occupational Therapy.



*The Dale & Joan (Kerslake) Skinner Family, 1993 – Dale, Joan, front: Trevor, Laura and Megan.*

(b. Nov. 1976), Angela (b. Dec. 1978), Starr (b. Nov. 1980) and Tara (b. July 1985). In 1988, Brenda started working with the challenged teens at the Parkhill Group Home in Exeter. Jake operated his own tree service and logging business for many years. In January 1994, he became part owner of Tri-County Lumber Corp. They operate two mills in the northern part of Huron County.

Jim married Marilyn (Cooper) in September 1982. They live at Lot 2, Con. 7 with their three children, Sherri (b. Jan. 1985), Christopher (b. Oct. 1986) and Shauna (b. Nov. 1988). Jim works for Andex as a truck driver and Marilyn attended Fanshawe College and graduated in June 1994 as a registered nurse.



*The Jim & Marilyn (Cooper) Skinner Family, 1993 – Christopher, Jim, Shauna, Marilyn and Sherri.*

Rick married Catherine (Becker) in November 1982, and they have three children, Brandon (b. May 1985), Jordon (b. Sept. 1988), and Rebecca (b. June 1991). Rick is in construction at present, working with Oke Woodsmith.



*The Jacob & Brenda (Skinner) Hovius Family – Angela, Starr, Brenda; front: Jacob, Tara, Crystal, in 1993.*



*The Rick and Cathy (Becker) Skinner Family – Rick, Brandon, Cathy; front: Rebecca and Jordon, 1993.*

Brenda married Jacob Hovius of Hensall on Nov. 27, 1971. They lived near Hensall and in Sarnia before moving to Lot 5, Con. 9 in Usborne, where they resided for 17 years, and now live in Clinton. They have four daughters, Crystal

Brad married Sandra (Fremlin) in 1992, and they live north of Huron Park. Brad is employed at ODC (Ontario Development Corp.) in Huron Park and Sandi is a Teacher's Assistant at McCurdy Public School in Huron Park.

Stanlake, daughter of Frank Stanlake. They lived in Lucan where Cecil was employed by Scott's Elevators. Kathleen died on January 22, 1984 and Cecil lives in Chateau Gardens, Parkhill. They had a family of six children; Victor lives in Lucan; Bill lives in London; Karol in Huron Park; Mary and Janet in London and Margaret Kathleen married Glenn John Prout on May 15, 1959. They farmed Lot 9, Con. 2 for 28 years and presently live in Exeter. Glenn and Margaret have a son David Glenn who married Robin Hazlewood and they live in Wyoming. Their only daughter, Donna Margaret, married William Allison and they live in Toronto. They have a daughter Lindsay Cecilia born in 1992, and a son Graeme John (1995). Marg Prout's mother was married before so she also has two step-brothers and one step-sister.



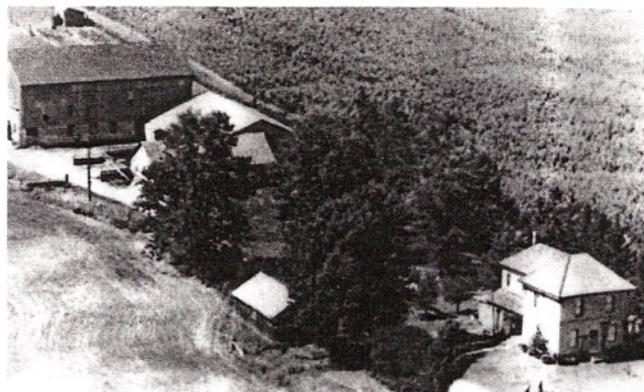
*Lot 18, Con. 15 – This farm was owned by George and Kathleen (Beacom) Neil. They lived here until 1973.*

Chester Edwin Neil married Mabel Talbot of Stanley Township. They farmed in Tuckersmith Twp., then retired to Egmondville where Mabel still resides. Chester died on June 6, 1986.

Gerald Wellington Neil, a mechanic married Muriel Finnigan of Seaforth who now lives in London. Gerald died January 17, 1987.

Wesley J. Dinnin Neil born June 9, 1917 was the youngest of this large family. In 1951, Wes and his wife Mary, the daughter of Wesley E. and Mabel D. (Bosnell) Johns purchased Lot 7, Con. 12, less 3-1/3 acres from John Lukack. Mary was raised near Welcome, Hope Twp., Durham County. Mixed farming was their livelihood - grains, cattle, hogs, sheep and chickens. Later a pole barn and silo were built. They had one daughter, Roberta Ruth, who was the Snow Queen at the first ever Kirkton-Woodham Winter Carnival in 1971. Roberta graduated from Westervelt Business College and worked five years for the Great West Life Insurance Company in London, then transferred to the Calgary office. In 1979, Roberta married Douglas M. Ryckman of Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan. Doug is the son of Mahlon and Josie (Kerslake) Ryckman of Exeter. Roberta and Doug have no family and still live in Calgary. Presently Roberta works for the Archivist of the Glenbow Museum and Doug is a controller of Western Cinivision.

In 1973, Wes and Mary sold the farm to the present owners, Lyle and Norma Stokes. Wes and Mary moved to Exeter where Wes was employed by Jones and MacNaughton Seeds and later worked for McKerlie-Millen. Wes died on March 19, 1979, and Mary continues to live in Exeter.



*Lot 7, Con. 12 – This was the farm of Wes and Mary (Johns) Neil, which they farmed from 1951 to 1973.*



*The Wes Neil Family – Roberta (Ryckman), Mary (Johns) and Wes.*

## The Ken Parker Family

Ken Parker is the grandson of Enoch Parker who moved to Hay Township in the early 1900s from Puslinch Lake area, near Guelph. Enoch's father was George and there were five children, Enoch (1862-1946), Epharium, Elizabeth (1865-1939), George (1866-1951) and Charlotte (1868).

Enoch married Wilhemina Sutherby and had four sons, Gordon (1892-1981) who married Vera Johnson; Wilbert; Arthur; George (1899-1961) married Eva Norris. When Wilhemina died, Enoch and the children moved to Chiselhurst in Tuckersmith Twp., to live with Enoch's brother George and sister Elizabeth. In 1909, Enoch married Emily (Hinks) Keyes, who from her first marriage, also had four sons, Russell, Leonard, Burton, Robert and one daughter Muriel (Mrs. Edgar Cudmore). The couple with all the younger children of both marriages moved to Lot 1, Con. 15,

## The Richard Johns Family

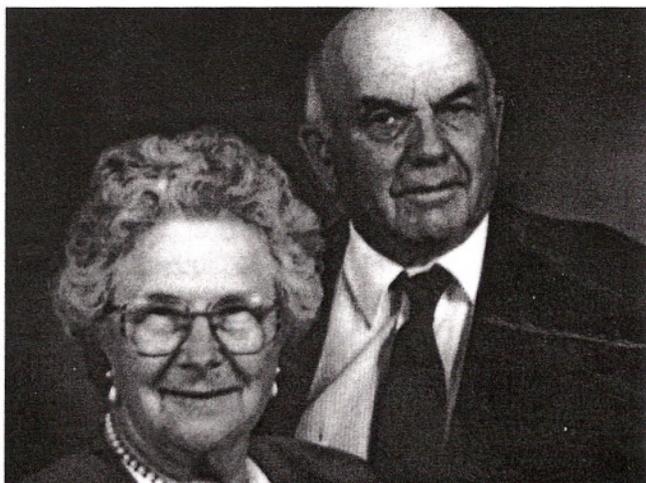
Richard Johns (1824-1913) married Eliza Whitlock (1823-1904), the fifth child of Peter and Elizabeth (Isaac) Whitlock, and on Jan. 11, 1860, Richard bought Lot 12, Con. 7, from the Canada Company. Richard and Eliza had eleven children.

1. Mary Ann (1846-1919) married Thomas Cudmore (1850-1903), son of Samuel and Grace (Smith) Cudmore. Thomas had been married to Mary Jane Thompson (1843-1870) and they had four children, Samuel, Alfred, Emma and Mary. Samuel (1863-1916) married Alice Daley (1873-1954) and they had four sons, Edgar who married Muriel Keys and they had two children, Marjorie and Alvin; Gordon (1907-1969) who married Marie Dick and he was employed at Traquair's Hardware for 23 year and they had a daughter June and two sons Kenneth and Grant, Mervyn who married Avis Cudmore and they had two children, Bruce and Nancy; and Harold who married Gladys McKenzie and they had two children, Ruth and Leslie (\*pg. 215). The other children are Alfred and Emma Jane (1869-1870) and Mary Ellen (1867-1870) who died in the same year as their mother.

Mary Ann and Thomas Cudmore had four children, Ellen, Caleb, Harriet and Rose. Ellen married Wesley Harvey and they bought a ranch in Alberta. They had four children, Ruth (Rex Dickson), Richard, Winston (Ellen Tattersall) and Bernice. Caleb (1878-1900) died while attending Toronto University. Harriet Grace (1880-1966) married Wm. Butler (1882-1955) and they lived in London. Rose (1888-1969) married Harvey Perkins (1885-1971) and they farmed on Lot 16, Con. 4 and had three children, Ray, Ivan and Nola (\*pg 361)

2. Elizabeth (1847-1903) a spinster, was a beautiful child, but was badly scarred by burns when she fell into a fire-place.

3. John (1848-1939) married Sarah Jane Cudmore (1850-1935), daughter of Samuel and Grace (Smith) Cudmore. John bought the 100 acres on Lot 15, Con. 6, from Sidney Snell in April 1894, for \$6,500. They had six children, Richard, Charles, Eliza, Samuel, Lena and Mabel.



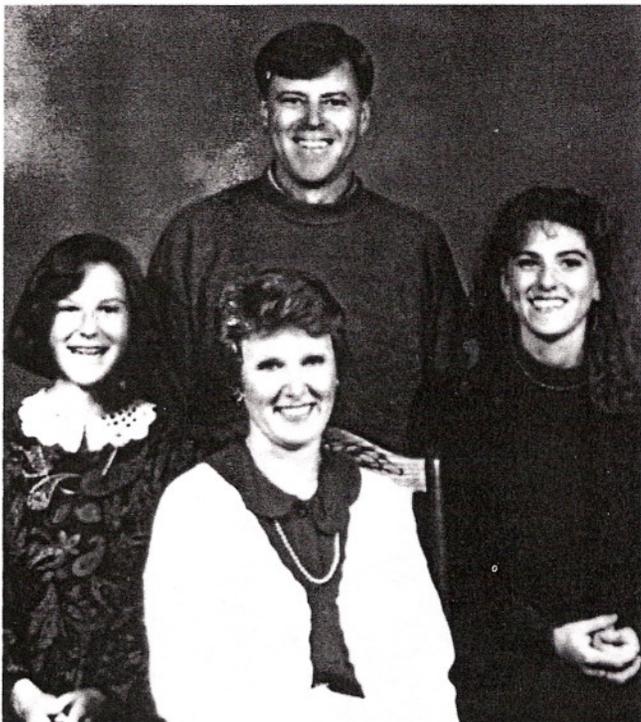
*Johns & Earl, 1994 – Philip Johns, son of Richard and Effie Pearl (Miners) Johns and his wife Marjorie Earl, daughter of James and Maude (Cann) Earl.*

Richard (1874-1962) married Louise Ballantyne (1874-1918). She died and Richard married Pearl Miners in 1920.

They had two children, Philip who married Marjorie Ilene Earl on March 30, 1946 and have six children (\*pg 301-305), and Bessie who married Vince Bencsik and they have three children, Barbara, Janet and Andrew.



*The Lorne & Margaret (Johns) Hern Family, 1995 – (back) Margaret, Steven, Lorne, (centre) Jordan, (front) Lynn, Beth Ann.*

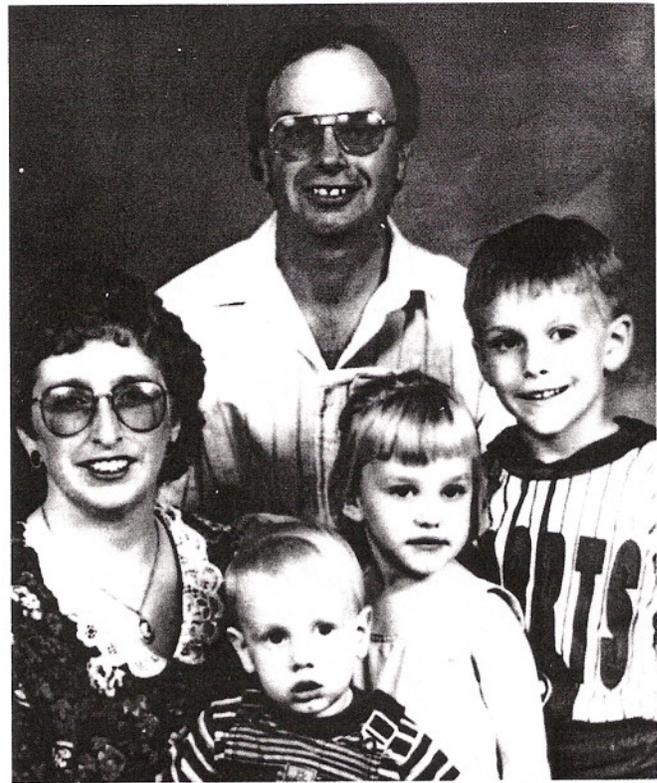


*The Clifford & Elaine (Johns) Webber, 1992 – (back) Clifford, (front) Jillian, Elaine, Hillary.*

Charles (1875-1966) married Martha Hern (1875-1952) and they had three children, Ruth (1905-1906), Walter and Kenneth. Walter Hugh married Helen Merritt and they had two daughters, Barbara and Mary, Walter, Ph.D., was president of the University of Alberta (\*pg 305). Kenneth (1911) married Irene Bierling (1910), daughter of Henry and Frieda Bierling and they farmed (\*pg 304). Irene was a nurse and worked at the South Huron Hospital. They had three children, Robert who married Margaret Bieber (1943-1988) and they have three daughters, Gail, Pamela and Tracey. Stanley married Elizabeth Hardy and they have three sons, James, Douglas and Darren. Sylvia Ruth married George Bullas and they live in London. Ken and Irene live at the Exeter Villa.

Eliza (1877-1896) died from T.B.

Samuel (1878-1950) farmed on Lot 18, N1/2 of 17, Con 7. having bought this farm in 1936 and sold to his nephew Ken Johns in 1940.

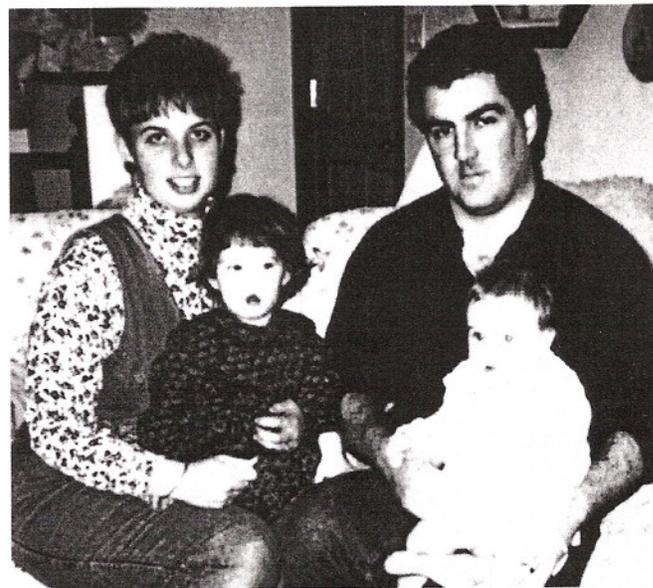


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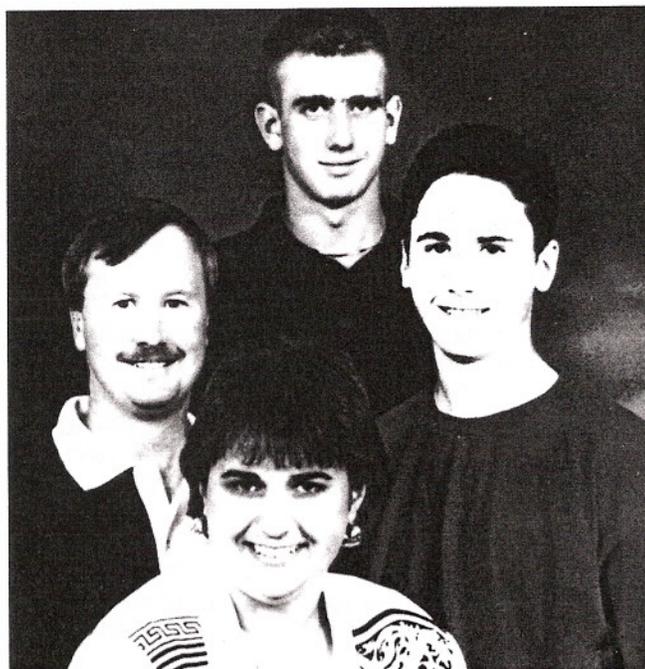
*The Gerald and Carolyn (McClure) Johns Family, 1994 – Gerald, Carolyn, Richard, Evelyn and Matthew.*



*The Craig & Janice (Johns) Webber, 1992 – Craig, Katie, Sarah, Janice.*



*The Donald and Catherine (Johns) Allen Family, 1995 – Catherine, Don, Emily and Mikayla.*



*The Peter & Eleanor (Johns) Armstrong Family, 1994 – Ben, Peter, Ryan and Eleanor.*

Lena (1880-1896) Lena died from T.B. as well.

Mabel (1883-1921) married Charles Godbolt and they had one daughter, Kathleen (1912) and she has two sons, Wayne and Darrell. Charles married Myrtle Hewitt (1888-1971).

4. Silas (1851-1937) married Sarah Ann Miners (1857-1921), daughter of William and Jemima (Jonas) Miners and in March 1877, Silas bought the N 1/2 of Lot 13, Con. 7 from

Wm. Johns and in 1890, he bought the S 1/2 from Joseph Andrews and in 1880, he bought 25 acres of Lot 14, from Richard Johns. They had five children, William, Elizabeth, Cora, Edward and Alden.

William (1878-1962) married Ida Passmore (1880-1938) and they had eight children.

1. Garnet Elmer (1906-1959) married Verna Doris Brock, daughter of Frank and Martha Jane (Jacques) Brock on November 16, 1932.

2. Hazel (1908-1918)

3. Gilbert (1912-1995) married Jean Venner (see Johns family).

4. William "Allen" married Blanche Elizabeth Harrison, daughter of Jim and Ida (Halstead) Harrison on March 15, 1941. In 1916, Silas Johns sold Lot 16, Con. 7 to Edward and Vera Johns who had two daughters, Gladys and Hazel. Allen and Blanche bought the farm from Edward and Vera Johns on April 1, 1941. They had two daughters Shirley and Marilyn. In 1966, Shirley graduated as a registered nurse, and in November 1967, she married Ross Rowe, son of Harold and Belva (Fisher) Rowe (\*pg. 374) and they live in London. They have two children Laura Lee and Christopher. Laura Lee, a nurse, married Bryon Tucker in June 1993, and they live in Vancouver where Bryon is in construction. Christopher Allan died in 1992 as a result of a truck accident. In 1967 Marilyn graduated as a elementary school teacher and in March 1971, she married Gary Eagleson, son of Lloyd and Gertrude (Amy) Eagleson and they live in Chatham. Marilyn is a Jr. Kindergarten teacher in Chatham and Gary is a high school teacher in Blenheim. They have two children, Andrew who graduated in June as a pharmacist and Sarah will be attending university in the fall. In 1987, Allen and Blanche sold their farm to Craig Kerslake and moved to Exeter.



*The Allen & Blanche (Harrison) Johns Family – (back) Gary, Marilyn, Sarah, Andrew, Chris, Ross, (front) Allen, Blanche, Laura, and Shirley.*

5. Margaret Elizabeth married Frederick Robert Long, son of Wm. and Mabel S. (Peters) Long on October 7, 1939, and they farmed at Newry. Fred also drove a truck for Roe Feeds and raised chicks to layers as well. They retired in Atwood. Their family of eight are; Marion, William, David, Joyce, Murray, Donald, Susan and Carol.

Marion married Lloyd Knoblauch and they live in Listowel and have three sons Steven, Kenneth and Keith. Lloyd is a salesman for Jackson Motors and Marion works in a dentist's office.

William married Ruth Whitney and they live on the farm. William works for Wallenstein Feeds and Ruth has a catering business. They have three children, Debra, Tom and Jim.

David married Frances Crowe and they live in Atwood and have three daughters, Laurie, Carolyn and Janice. David works for Bell Telephone and Frances works in the bank.

Joyce married Murray McCourt and they live at Listowel where Murray is a trucker and Joyce, a R.N.A., works at the hospital. They have three children, Donald, Mike and Judy.

Murray married Elizabeth Barton and they live in Walkerton. They have a daughter, Shelley, and Murray is an electrician.

Donald married Wanda Keffer and they live in Atwood. They have four boys, Troy, Jason, Adam and Mark. Donald is a government inspector in Kitchener and Wanda is the Assistant Manager of the Bank of Montreal.

Susan married Bob Martin, a dairy farmer in Briton, and they have four children, Tanya, Tim, Tyler and Teralyn.

Carol married Dr. Kevin Gurr, an orthopaedic surgeon, in London and they have Robert, Emily and Stephanie.



*The Grant and Dorothy (Johns) Ratcliffe Family, 1993 – (back) Linda Frandsen, Cindy Ratcliffe, Deanna Hawley, Donna Tomanek, Karen Ratcliffe, Diana Ratcliffe, Barb Huebner, (front) Dale Frandsen, Doug Ratcliffe, David Hawley, Dorothy Ratcliffe, Paul Tomanek, Dale Ratcliffe, Jeff Ratcliffe, Harry Huebner.*

6. Dorothy married Grant Ratcliffe, son of Wm. and Laura (Wiseman) Ratcliffe on March 9, 1946 and they farmed in Blanshard and raised their family of seven.

Linda, a nurse, married Dale Frandsen, lives in Kelowna, B.C. and operates a Trophy Den. They have Christian and Scott.

Dale who married Karen McKinley, is a salesman for McKinley Hatchery. They live north of Zurich and have Kelly, Megan, Emily and David.

Douglas married Cindy Lauder, and they live in Woodstock. Doug is a home renovator and Cindy works for G.M. in Woodstock.

Barb married Harry Huebner, lives in Queensland, Australia where they have their own picture frame and laminating business. They have Jessica and Vanessa.

Donna married Paul Tomanek, they live in Vancouver and have a daughter Bernadette. Paul works in the movie industry and Donna is a secretary.

Deanna married David Hawley, and lives in Port

Coquitlam. David works in the lumber business and Deanna is a teacher.

Jeffrey married Diana Clubb, a nurse, and they live in Coquitlam and have Katherine and Elizabeth. Jeff is a telephone technician.

7. Ethelene (1924-1990) married Keith Fraser (1925-1988), son of Alexander and Blanche (Rumford) Fraser and they farmed in Fullarton Twp. They have a family of three, Marlene, Nancy and Murray.

Marlene is Assistant Nursing Director of Huron County and works out of Clinton. She married Brian Price, an ambulance driver. They live in Mitchell and have two children Amy and Shawn.

Nancy married Hank Kramer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bart Kramer and they live in London and have two children, Larry and Laurie. Hank works for Ford Talbotville.

Murray farms the family farm on the 12th of Fullarton.

8. Eilene (1924-1992) married James Grinney (1925), son of Victor and Mary Jane (Scott) Grinney and they farmed in Fullarton and had two children Diane and Dennis (1957-1987). Diane has a son Eric Morgan and is married to (2) Richard Green and they live in Brantford. Jim lives and works in Grand Bend.

Elizabeth (1880-1962) married Wm. Pybus (1875-1957) and they farmed in Tuckersmith and had one daughter. They retired to Exeter.

Cora (1882-1900) died of T.B.



*The Edward & Vera (Edwards) Johns Family – Edward, Gladys (Skinner), Hazel (Margison), Vera. This picture was taken on September 4, 1940 when Gladys married Delmer Skinner, son of Melville and Mary Alberta (Cooper) Skinner.*

Henry "Edward" (1885-1942) went west on the harvest excursion and met and married Margaret "Vera" Edwards (1893-1971). Her parents lived at Fordwich where her father was a furniture and funeral director and had a family of 13 children. Edward bought the 100 acres of land on Lot 13, Con. 7, and the 25 acres on Lot 14, from his father in 1916. They had two daughters, Gladys and Hazel. Gladys Earlene (1918-1985) married Delmer Lawrence Skinner, son of Melville and Mary Alberta (Cooper) on September 4, 1940 (\*pg 385). Francis "Hazel" married Maynard Margison (1921-1993), son of Merton and Bertha (Milbury) Margison, in Elimville United Church on November 25, 1944. He was born in Plaster Rock, New Brunswick and worked at Centralia and Grand Bend airports where he fuelled the air-

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craft. Maynard served in the RCAF for five years. They moved to London where he was a carpenter, was a book-keeper and became an assessor of Middlesex County. He died instantly on the golf course at Inverhuron on May 6, 1993. They had four sons Robert (1946), Barry (1951), Alan (1952-1956) and Glenn (1957).

Robert is a Laboratory Manager at 3M. He married Mary Kraus in July 1973 and they live in London. They have two children Amanda (17 yrs) has her own horse and is aiming to be a vet, and Alexander, is 13 years and a basketball enthusiast.

Barry lives in London and has his own company "Colours Plus" (interior decorating and painting). He married Gaye Tomlinson in June 1974. They have three sons, Jordie (19) attends Kings College in London, Gregory (16) and Jesse (12) lives with their mother in St. Marys. Barry married Barbara LePage in September 1992.

Glenn and Wendy live in Lucan and Glenn works in the Book Store at the University of Western Ontario. He has been a Scout Leader with Scouts Canada for 20 years.



*The Maynard and Hazel (Johns) Margison Family – Maynard and Hazel, Glenn, Barry and Robert. This picture was taken on Maynard and Hazel's 40th Anniversary in November 1984.*

Alden (1889-1962) married Margaret Frizzell and Alden was in the life insurance and real estate business. They moved out west and had one son, Donald (1924-1971), who served in the Navy, and later became an electrician and died in Belleville.

Elizabeth (1882-1964) married William Pybus, son of Henry and Elizabeth (Pengilly) Pybus on March 18, 1914. William had a daughter Lucille Pybus who married Robert Bragg and they had one son Bruce and a daughter Geraldine, and they lived at West Lorne. William and Lizzie lived and farmed in Tuckersmith on Lot 19, Con. 1.

5. Henry (1853-1943) married Ida Jones (1863-1937) and he bought the 100 acres on Lot 12, Con. 7 from his father Richard in 1889. They had six children, Addie, Earl, Lloyd, George (1902-1922), Edith (1904-1921) and Dora.

Addie (1891-1967) married Nelson Coultis (1889-1961), son of Henry and Caroline (Harvey) Coultis and they had three children; Earl, Doreen and Shirley. Lawrence "Earl" married Jean D'Oracy and they had one son, Neil. Norma "Doreen" married Harold Douglas Finkbeiner, son of

Lorne Finkbeiner, and they farm near Shipka. They have four children, William, Robert, David and Joan. Shirley Alberta married Harold Kerslake, son of Arthur and Elsie (Lyon) Kerslake (\*pg. 312).

Earl (1893-1917) was killed in WWI.

Lloyd (1889-1962) married Gladys Bannerman (1900) and they had one daughter Patricia Evelyn who married Howard Otis, son of Alonzo Otis of Beaconsfield, and they had four children, Lawrence, Lynn, Terrance and Sherrie Ann. (\*pg. 305).

6. Isaac Whitlock Johns (1855-1908) married Elizabeth Kate Elford (1850-1933), daughter of Michael and Annie (Matthews) Elford. In 1875, he bought the S 1/2 of Lot 17, Con. 6 from John Bentley and in 1890, he bought 70 acres on Lot 16, Con. 6, from Charles Perkins. They had two sons, Alfred Edward (1884-1959) who married Myrtle Madge (1884-?) and Wesley Elford (1887-1969) who married Mabel Drucilla Bosnell (1886-1979) on November 19, 1913. (\*pg. 303).

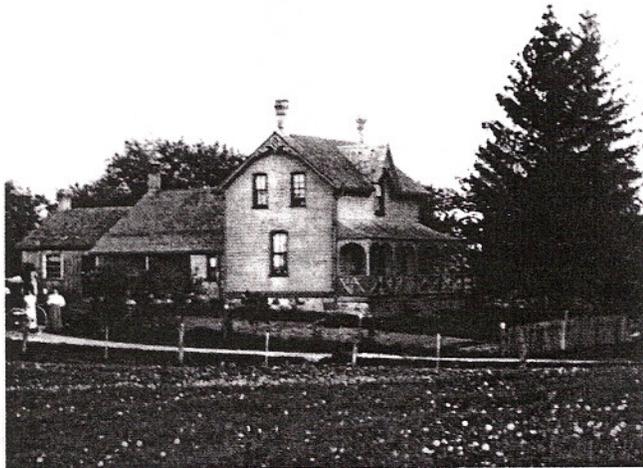
7. Sarah (1858-1906) lived at home.

8. Caleb (1859-1873)

9. Harriet Keziah (1860-1955) married Henry Cudmore (1856-1908) and they moved to Sask. and had Charles, Lillie, Walter, Grace, Clara, Ernest, Alfred, Richard, Stanley, Myrtle, Mae and Clarence. Harriet must have had a hard life as Clarence was only 4 years old when Henry died.

10. Joshua (1863-1957) married Mary Annie Andrew (1863-1937) and they had two children, Wilfred (1890-1929) and Alma (1892-1977).

11. Thomas (1866-1922) married Rose Miners and they lived at Camrose, Alberta. They had three children, Pearl, Stanley and Dorothy.



*The Johns Family House – Silas Johns sold to Edward Johns in 1916. Allen and Blanche Johns bought this farm in 1941, and sold to Craig Kerslake in 1987.*

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## The William Johns Family

William Johns (1843-1897) married Hannah Warren and they lived in England and came to Canada and worked for farmers and rented land. They rented land on highway #4 south of Exeter, also Stanley Frayne's farm, Lot 22, NTR and others. Their family of six included Wm. Jr., Lyde, Edward, Annie, John and Bethia. Wm. Jr. (1866-1940) married Honor Horne (1860-1934). Eliza Jane "Lydia" (1867-1951) married William Delve (1862-1903). Edward "Doc" (1869-1950) never married. Annie (1871-1951) married Wm. Brook (1867-1941). Jack (1873-1961) married Mae Sinclair (1884-1977). Bethia (1876-1962) married Robert Sanders (1870-1961).



*The William and Hannah (Warren) Johns Family – (back) Eliza Jane "Lydia" (Delve), Edward Ned "Doc", Bethia "Bessie", John "Jack"; (front) William, Rose Hannah (Warren) Johns, Mary Ann "May" Gifford, Annie Louisa (Brook).*

William Jr. married Honor Horne, daughter of Samuel and Susannah (Brent) Horne and they had Norman Hilton (1896-1917) who was killed in W.W.I, Freeman (1898-1900), Clarence (1900-1978) and Gertrude (1897-1970).

Clarence Roy "Nipper" Johns married Beatrice Viola Biggs (1901-1987) daughter of Robert and Annie Mae (Quackenbush) Biggs, on February 14, 1923. For a short time they resided on the 10th of Blanshard and then moved to Osborne Twp. on Lot 15, Con. 5 until February of 1941, and they purchased Lot A, Con. 10 from the Horne family. Their family is Norman, Gordon, Marjorie, Kathleen and Marie.

Norman Wm. married Helen "Jean" Stephens, daughter of David and Mae (Ross) Stephens of Woodham on July 3, 1946. Norman and Jean purchased the farm from Clarence and Beatrice Johns where they are still residing. They both drove school buses for the St. Patrick's Catholic School in Biddulph for over 20 years. Their three children are, Dorothy Jean, John Norman and Stephen Wayne. Dorothy, who is an R.N.A. at St. Marys Hospital, married Gerald Allan Lawson, son of Gerald and Margaret (Wurm) Lawson of Woodham on June 18, 1965. They have three children, Michael Allan, Mark Andrew and Marcy Lee. Michael, a mechanic in Stratford, married Sherry Lee Wall of London, on May 2, 1987, and they have three children, Russell Allan, Nicole Beatrice and Adam Joseph and they reside in St. Marys. Mark who works at the Cement plant also resides in St. Marys. Marcy married Pete Frehner on May 20, 1992 and they live

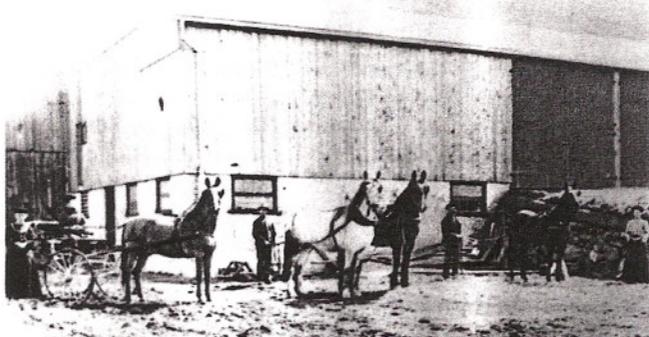
## The James Horne Family

James Horne (1864-1952), son of Samuel and Susannah (Brent) Horne, married Elizabeth Lucretia Pym (1874-1957), daughter of John and Jane (Barkwill) Pym, on April 12, 1899 and they farmed.



*The Horne Family Home, Lot A., Con. 10 – Mary Ann, Elizabeth “Liz”, Jess, Jim and Lib in the buggy.*

Their only son, Freeman (1904-1995), purchased part of Lot 11, Con. 8 from the late Ralph Batten in 1933. On September 1, 1934, at Elimville Parsonage, Freeman Victor Horne married Violet “Evelyn” Elmyra Whitlock, daughter of Peter and Martha Jane (Williams) Whitlock. They have lived in Winchelsea ever since. Freeman carried on the trucking business until 1977, taking hogs and cattle to Kitchener and Toronto for local farmers.



*The Horne Barn – In the picture are Mary Ann, Liz, Jess, Jim, Lib. This family is very proud of their horses, both work and driver horses.*

Their family of three are, Kathleen, Ruth and Raymond. Kathleen, a stenographer, married Gerald Grubb on May 15, 1965 and live in Farquhar. Their family are, twins Michael and David (1966-67), Glenn, Andrew and Susan. Michael lives and works in Toronto for Crothers Bros. Diesel; Glenn works in London at McKerlie Motors; Andrew is apprenticing as an electrician with Dennis Rowe; Susan attended Fanshawe College, graduated as a medical secretary, lives in Oakville and works for a chiropractor. Gerald Grubb is retired from the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority.

Ruth married Bill Johnson of London on December 19, 1981. Ruth teaches at Fanshawe College and Bill worked for City Hall and is retired. Raymond married Liz Ulch, daughter of Milton and Margaret Ulch of Kirktown, on March 28, 1969 and they live on the home farm of Lot 5, Con. 8. Raymond has a trucking business and rents the farm. They have a family of three, Shelly married John Ryan and are presently stationed at Edmonton, Alberta where John is in the Air Force; Jodi Marie is a hairdresser and lives in London; and Jeremy attends SHDHS.

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*The Freeman & Evelyn (Whitlock) Horne Family – (back) Michael Grubb, Andrew G., Susan G., Glenn G., Shelly (Horne) and John Ryan, Raymond G., Liz H., Jeremy H., Jodi H., Bill Johnson; (front) Kathleen G., Freeman & Evelyn H., Ruth J.*



*The Gerald and Kathleen (Horne) Grubb Twins – Michael and David. Michael lives and works in Toronto, David died in infancy.*

## The Horne Family (William, Samuel, Weston)

Wm. Horne (1819-1896) married Grace Brock (1809-1897), and he acquired land at Zion from the Canada Company in 1856. For a nominal sum, he provided a small piece of land for the first school house that was also used by members of the Bible Christian Church for their services. This is the site of the present Zion Cemetery.

Their son Samuel (1843-1926) married Charlotte Willey, or Wiley (1849-1904), from Kent County, in 1866, and took ownership of William's farm in 1883. Their children were Weston (1878-1951), Mary (Mrs. George Earl) and Grace (Mrs. W.J. Brock) who remained in the area, and John who lived in Toronto, and had two children, Telford and Vera.

George “Weston” married Rebecca Whiteford (1876-1955) daughter of Wm. and Rebecca (Culbert) Whiteford on

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## The Johns Family

(Richard, Henry & Lloyd)

Cora Anne (1902-1994) married (1) Harry Burns and they had two sons Bob and Harry. Cora married (2) Arthur La Chance (1898-1971). Bob Burns (1924) married Caroline Wells (1923) and they operated a resort in Northern Ontario for over 25 years and have retired to Tottenham. They had four children; Patti Louise (1949) married Doug McLeish (1941) and they have two children, Alexander Gordon, and Crystal Caroline (1989); Scott Burns was born in 1952; Thomas Gordon Burns (1954) married Lisa Campbell and they have two daughters Jessica (1985) and Andrea (1987); Jim Burns (1960) married M. Carolyn Booth in 1989 and she has passed away. Harry Donald "Feather" Burns (1927) was raised in Exeter with his grandparents Bob and Bessie. He married Hazel Logan (1927) and they live in Forest. They have two children; Rene Elizabeth (1960) who married Dan Auger (1959) and Robert Donald (1963) who married Tracey Durocher (1967) and they have two sons, Mitchell Donald (1990) and Clayton Robert (1991).

Pearla (1904) married Melvin Guenther, a widower with three children, Margaret, Barbara and Glen. They lived in the USA and Pearla and Melvin had one son Karl. Pearla died in Garry, Indiana.

Ella Maude (1906-1984) was a seamstress in Texas and Florida and later returned to Exeter and looked after her parents who lived on 181 Mill St. She died in Exeter.

Hazel Adeline (1908) married Mervin Johnson (1907) and they lived in Blanshard Twp. and Mervin drew cream for a creamery and then they moved to Stratford where he was a salesman for Swifts Packing Plant. They had two children, Neil and Margaret. Neil married Florence and they had three children, Deborah who is single; Kim married Wayne Kuehl and have three sons David, Corey and Bradley; Val married Bradley Smith and they have two daughters Samantha and Nicole. Margaret married Roy Toliloff and they have two daughters; Lidia who married Mike Marko and have two children Anito Michelle and Alex; Lora married David Cowan.

Robert "Roy" (1910) married Edla Viola Lenhart (1904-1992) on Oct. 25, 1928, and they lived in Sask. They had six children; Norman, Sherman, Ella, Marian, Robert and Gloria. Norman Edward married Marjorie Christie on Aug. 27, 1955 and they had five children, Roberta, Norma, Lorne, Leslie and John. Sherman Royce never married. Ella Francis married Bill Maslasz and they had three children; Debra, Scott and Heather. Marian Bessie married Steve Banilevic (1932-1993) on Dec. 11, 1953 and they had four children; Gail, Blair, Barbara and Kevin. Robert Wilson (1937-1981) never married. Gloria married Peter Moor and they had two children Storm and Tiffany (1975-1988).

E.W. Warren Sanders (1917-1985) married Marion Gladman (1919) and Warren was a salesman for Dr. Salisbury Products, and owned The Pines Motel. They had seven children. Marnie (1939) married John R. Melanson and they had a daughter Sandra (1958) who married Cyril Shokoples. Margaret (1940) married (1) Dean Emery, (2) Don Stafford and they didn't have a family. Edward "Ted" (1943) married Sharon Hugill (1946) and they have two children. Scott (1969) and Tina (1971). Mary Jane (1948) married Gary Miller. Robert (1951) married Susan Curtin (1954) and they have one child, Shannon. Elizabeth (1958) married Steve Evans and they have four children, Amanda Sue (1980), Jennifer (1983), Jim (1990), and Sarah J. (1993). James (1959) married Barbara Allcorn and they have two daughters, Michelle Anne (1986) and Lora (1989).

Norman Hilton (1919-1944) served in the Canadian Army and was killed in action.

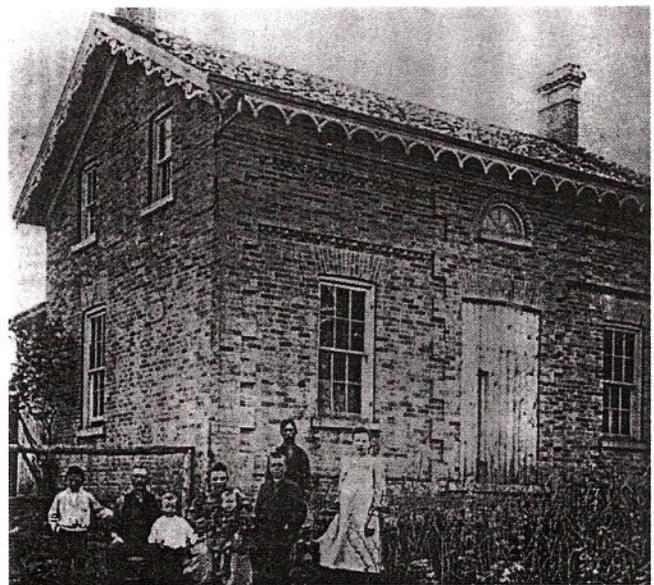
Richard Johns, a shoemaker, came from Langtree, Devonshire, England, with his wife, Eliza (Whitlock) and three children, Mary Ann, Elizabeth and John, and only a few shillings. They sailed to Canada on the old ship "Deliah" in 1847.

After a year in Pickering, where Richard set up shop and made and mended shoes for his neighbours and Navies who were building the Grand Trunk from Kingston to Toronto, he made his way to Osborne and took up at Lot 12, Con. 7. Returning to Pickering, earned \$300, to him a large sum, and in 1850 with his family, he came to his chosen lot in the virgin forest and proceeded to hew out a home and many a tale of hardship and privation he could tell, but succeeded splendidly. He carried flour from Essery's mill to feed the family. He traded a pair of boots for a 80 pound ox hide and carried the hide from the south of Elimville to Carlings' tannery in Exeter.

The family lived in a shack until the first log house was built in 1853. Richard's parents, William and Mary Johns, came over in the late fifties and another log house was built in 1860 for them. The brick house, still standing, was built in 1867.

Eleven children grew up on the farm (check the Richard Johns story). Henry (1853-1943), the fifth child, became a stonemason. He walked to his worksites, as far away as Mitchell and Seaforth. Although he had a lean build, his rigorous profession gave him exceptional physical strength and when professional strong men at fairs passed through the area, neighbours would urge Henry to compete in feats of strength and bet on him.

Henry married Ida Jones, daughter of John Jones of Kippen, in 1889. Their first child, Addie May, was born in 1891. By 1904, they had five children; Earl, Lloyd, George, Edith and Dora who died in 1895. While the rest of the Richard John's children had settled on farms of their own, Henry remained on the original homestead and Richard retired to a small house on Lot 13, Con. 7 where Phil and Marjorie Johns live now.



*The Henry Johns Farm - Lot 12, Con. 7, c1906 - Lloyd Johns, Henry J., George J., Ida J. with daughter Edith, Earl J., hired man at the back Addie Mae J.*

Addie May married Nelson Coultis, son of Henry and Caroline (Harvey) Coultis, in 1914 (pg \*213).

The war broke out that year, and many area men were joining the army to fight in France. There was some dispute between Earl Johns, Henry's eldest son and Lloyd, the next eldest, as to who should join. Lloyd, born in 1899, was not really old enough, but was already approaching his adult height of six feet, two inches. The brothers flipped a coin, and Earl went overseas with many other local men, including Jackson Woods, their next door neighbour. Earl was killed in France on September 12, 1917.

Edith, the youngest daughter died of diabetes in 1920, followed by George, the youngest son, who died in 1922 of meningitis, leaving Lloyd to run the farm. Lloyd married Gladys Bannerman, daughter of John and Mary Elizabeth "Minnie" (Grose) Bannerman, from St. Marys in 1926, and Patricia, their only child was born in 1929.

Ida Johns died in 1937, and Henry passed on in 1943, leaving the farm to Lloyd. Patricia married Howard Otis, son of Alonzo and Ethel (Penny) Otis, a WWII veteran from Burgessville in 1946.



*Bannerman & Johns – Henry "Lloyd" Johns, son of Henry & Ida (Jones) Johns, married Gladys Pearl Bannerman, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. John Bannerman on June 23, 1926.*



*The Howard and Patricia (Johns) Otis Family – back: Allen Chipps, Terry and Lawrence Otis; centre: Jim & Sherrie (Otis) Anderson, Lynn Otis, R. Siemesiulę; front: Michael O., Gladys Johns (wheelchair), Amanda O., Patricia (Johns) (Otis) Chipps.*



*The family of Henry & Ida (Jones) Johns – Lloyd, Earl, Addie (Nelson Coultis) and Edith 1919.*

In 1947, Lloyd suffered an accident which resulted in complications that doctors told him would completely cripple him within two years. Although partially disabled, he continued to work the farm until his death in 1962. Patricia Otis moved back to the farm in 1956, with her four children. After Lloyd's death, Gladys Johns leased the land to the Canadian Cannery until 1967, then sold the farm to M.A. Dzioba and moved with her family to Exeter, another move to Stratford in 1981, and she died in London in 1991.

Her daughter, Pat Otis remarried in 1985 to Alan Chipps and remains in Stratford. Of her children, Lawrence is in Stratford, Lynn is in Hamilton, Terry is in Ottawa and Sherry Anne resides in London with two teenage children, Michael and Amanda, and her husband Jim Anderson.

## The Kelland Family

The Kelland family can trace their family back to the John Kelland of Lapford who paid the subsidy in 1546. After many generations we have John Kelland (1765-1790) of Devon who married Miss Partridge and they had three sons, Richard, William and John who married Miss Stevens of Hollacombe Barton Winleigh and some of their family stayed in England and some came to Canada.

Their family are; John who died unmarried. William came to Canada and married Mary Ann Manning. She had been married to Daniel Manning and he died in 1866. Mary

# The Johns Family

This story was prepared by Mrs. Gilbert (Jean) Johns for her two grandsons Brent and Jarrett.

- 1st - William Johns (1798-1872)
- 2nd - Richard Johns (1824-1913)
- 3rd - Silas Johns (1851-1937)
- 4th - William Johns (1880-1962)
- 5th - Gilbert Johns (1912)
- 6th - Larry Johns (1957)
- 7th - Brent Johns (1989)
- 7th - Jarrett Johns (1991)

1st - Williams Johns (1798-1872), a native of Langtree County of Devon, England and his wife Mary (1793-1867) settled in Usborne Twp. in Huron County in 1860, and on July 26, 1861, Wm. bought the N1/2 of Lot 13, Con. 7 from John Hunkin. They are both buried in Elimville.

2nd - Richard Johns (1824-1913) married Eliza Whitlock and they had seven sons and four daughters, Maryanne, Elizabeth, John, Silas, Isaac, Henry, Caleb, Sarah, Harriet, Joshua and Thomas. Richard was a shoemaker by trade and his father paid seven sovereigns every year to pay for seven years apprentice to learn the trade. When he was 21 years of age, he married Eliza and set up shop. Later, with his wife and three small children and a few shillings, they sailed for Canada on an old ship called "Deliah" with Captain Tazar in command. The voyage lasted many weeks. They travelled to Pickering where Richard set up shop, and made shoes for his family, neighbours and also for the Navies who were building the Grand Trunk from Kingston to Toronto. They had only been in Pickering a short time when their second daughter, Elizabeth, while playing near an open fire, caught her clothes on fire and was left badly disfigured for life. She is buried in Elimville Cemetery. In the summer of 1849, Richard travelled to the Huron Tract to Lot 12, Con. 7 in Usborne, then returned to Pickering to earn \$300. He returned in 1850, with his family to his chosen lot in the virgin forests of Usborne and proceeded to hew out a home. He was a man of strong character, hard working, quiet and believed in living "the golden rule", "do unto others as you would have others do unto you".

3rd - Silas Johns (May 29, 1851-Feb. 3, 1937) married Sara Miners and had two daughters, Cora and Lizzie and three sons, Wm., Edward and Alden. Cora (1880) never married, William (1878-1962) married Ida Grace Passmore (1880-1938); Edward (1885-1942) married Vera Edwards (1893-1971); Alden (1887) married Margaret Frizill; and Elizabeth "Lizzie" Miners (1882-1964) married Wm. Pybus (1875-1957).

4th - William Johns (1878-1962) married Ida Grace Passmore (1880-1938), daughter of Thomas and Margaret (McDonald) Passmore, at the bride's parents on the Thames Road on June 13, 1905, and they resided on Lot. 13, Con. 6, Usborne. They had eight children; Garnet (1906-1959), Hazel (1908-1918), Gilbert (1912-1995), Allen (1914), Margaret (1916), Dorothy (1921), twins Ethelene (1924-1990) and Eilene (1924-1982). William and Ida Grace lived in a log house when first married and in 1910, they built a large, 2 storey brick home. The hydro was installed in 1927, and in May 1941, Wm. sold the farm to his son Gilbert and his wife Jean at a cost of \$6,000 and moved to the old manse beside the Elimville Church. Ida Grace died and Wm. married a second time to Mabel McGugan (1893-1960). Wm.

was a tax collector for Usborne Twp. for several years and was active in the Elimville United Church and Sunday School.

Garnet married Verna Brock, but had no family. Allan married Blanche Harrison and had two daughters. Margaret married Fred Long and had four daughters and four sons. Ethelene married Keith Fraser and they had two daughters and one son. Eilene married James Grinney, and they had one daughter and one son.

5th - Gilbert (1912) married Jean Venner (1921), daughter of Wesley and Estella (McLaren) Venner on September 25, 1940. They rented a house across the road from the father's farm from October 1940 to May 1941. They farmed on Lot. 13, Con. 6, until 1969. During this time they attended the Elimville United Church where they were both elders. Jean was President of the Women's Aid Society, the United Church Women, the Women's Institute and Noble Grand of the Pride of Huron Rebekah Lodge. They retired to Exeter and have spent many winters in Florida. They had three children, Grace, Edward, and Larry.

Grace (1941) married Charles Cassar and they had a daughter Mary Teresa "Terri".

Edward (1946) married Judith Webb, daughter of Milton and Florence (Guenther) Webb. They had two daughters, Kelly who married Paul Bauman, and they have a daughter Emily and they live in Toronto; and Karen lives and works in London. Edward and Judy lived south of Hensall and they own and operate Bayfield Rec. Sales, a trailer business at Bayfield.

Larry (1957) attended UCS, SHDHS, and Westervelt Business School in London. He was always active in sports. He worked at several different jobs and then started into sales and finally with London Life Insurance Co., working his way up to sales manager of the Stratford area office. On November 5, 1988 he married Helen Hosick, daughter of Ralph and Florence Hosick and they had two sons, Brent and Jarrett and live on Sanders Street, in Exeter. Helen successfully ran for Provincial P.C. candidate in the election of 1995. Brent (1989) is attending Precious Blood School in Exeter, and Jarret (1991) is attending Nursery School at the Baptist Church on Huron Street, Exeter.



*The Larry and Helen (Hosick) Johns Family – Jarrett, Helen, Brent and Larry.*