

The Horne Family

Part Lot 5, Con. 8

According to the records, this farm was owned by the Hogg family before the turn of the century, then sold to Robert Denison and his wife Isabel (Williams) who built a new house which is the front part of the present home.

In 1899, James Horne bought the 65 acre farm and moved there with his wife Elizabeth (Pym). He had the barn turned around and put on a foundation. There was a large orchard much of which was destroyed by a tornado which passed through in May of 1935. A great deal of damage was also done to the barn and driving shed. The tornado did some damage to the barn of Alvin Pym and the house and barn of George Wright of Con. 6 were demolished. A barn belonging to John Johns, a neighbour of James Horne, was completely destroyed.

Freeman Horne continued to work the farm after his father's death in 1952, and his mother's death in 1957. Freeman married Evelyn Whitlock, daughter of Peter and Martha (William) Whitlock, and they had two children Raymond and Kathleen (Mrs. Gerald Grubb).

In 1971, hydro was installed and an addition made to the house when Raymond Horne and his wife Elizabeth (Ulch) moved there. Later an implement shed and workshop were built.



James and Lizzie (Elizabeth Pym) Horne, on their wedding day April 12, 1899.

The Henry Horney Family

In 1828, Henry Horney (b. 1805 in Devon, England), married his wife, Mary (b. 1807, in Devon). They immigrated first to USA and then to the Darlington area in Ontario. In 1856, Henry purchased Lot 25, Con. 5, in Usborne Twp.

Henry and Mary had five children: William Agnew (b. 1829) married Ann Wakelin (1828-1921) in 1848; Henry Jr. (1834-1892) married Elizabeth Keddy, in 1863; Elizabeth Horney (1836-1899) married Rob Heppinstall; James (1838-1921) married Mary Simpson in 1860; and Mary Ann (1840-1912) married William Westlake.

William A. and Ann (Wakelin) Horney, who were married in Darlington in 1848, had three children. Their oldest daughter, Mary Elizabeth (1850-1928), married Robert Herdman of Howick Twp. It appears that they met while she was visiting her Heppinstall relatives, who lived next to the Herdmans in Howick. Their family history is included with the Herdman and Wakelin histories.

William A. and Ann (Wakelin) Horney's second child, Charles Horney (1851-1924) married Jane Baldson (b. 1858),

daughter of James Baldson. Their children were Ann (1837), Lottie Jane (1882-1958), William John (1884-1911), Ethel May (1886-1951), Edgar James (1896-1960), and Bertha Elizabeth (1899-1969).

Ann Horney (1880-1937) married James Collingwood. Their family was, Annie I. (1901-1902); Mervin J. (d. 1911) married Eva LeBlanc; Aldwyn Merrill married Lorna A. Richardson; and Lila Alfreda married Walter J. Stone (d. 1953) and Joshua Cluney (1953).

Lottie Jane Horney married George E. Colwell. They lived in Ripley and Cargill. Their children were Mary E. (1897) married Thomas Thompson; Charles H. (1910-1911) married Verna (1913) married T. McIntosh Gamble; Lottie (1914) married Georgeie married Robert Neil (Pete) Reid; and William (1915) who died young.

William J. Horney married Margaret Ferguson. He received part of Lot 24 from his father for five years and then rented the farm west of Kippen from the Canada Co. Will Horney did carpentry work after he moved to 55 Simcoe St., Exeter in 1946. Their only child, Wesley J. (1918) died as an infant. They raised Margaret's niece, Irma Ferguson (b. 1901) daughter of Edward Ferguson and Verda Cann, after Verda's death in 1923. Irma married Arnold Gackstetter in 1923. Arnold was born in the same house on the N $\frac{1}{2}$ Lot 24, Con. 5 as Will Horney. His father worked for George I. Arms who bought the farm from Charles Horney. Irma and Arnold settled in Guelph until Arnold joined the army in 1943. During the war, they bought Lot 6, NB of Hay Twp. from the Canada Co. This was the farm that Will Horney had rented. Will had three daughters, Gayle, Lynn and Karen and son Myron born there. In 1956, they moved to Guelph where son Myron was born and Arnold worked for Pinkerton's Detachment Agency and Imperial Tobacco.

Ethel May Horney married William Wilson and had three daughters; Hazel (adopted) married John Wolsey, Charles married Milton Bailey, and Bertha (Budie) married G. Caudie.

The youngest son of Charles and Jane Horney, Ed Horney married Sarah Ann Edworthy of Brighton, England. Ed and Sarah met while he was serving in W.W.I. He started the first Dominion store in Exeter, and managed several stores. Their children were born in these locations; Eric (Mitchell - 1920) married Jean McKay; C. Roy (Stratford - 1923) married Mary Pearson; F. Donald (Stratford - 1923) married Shirley Disher; Robert W.S. (Halifax, N.S. - 1923) married Carole Stevenson; and M. Joanne (Ridgeway - 1923) married William Kavanaugh.

Charles and Jane Horney's youngest child Bertha, married William J. Motz. They lived in Crediton and had no children.

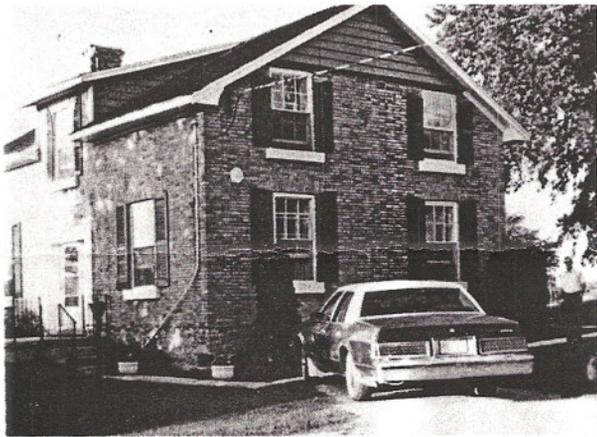
Sarah Ann Horney (1854), the third and youngest child of William A. and Ann (Wakelin) Horney, married Charles Ferguson (1852-1892). Their family included Ida Ann (1855); Celia Pearl (1881-1933); Charles (1878) and Lottie (1878) who died as infants; and James who died at the age of 38. This family lived on Simcoe St., and operated a store on the west side of Main St., Exeter.

Ida A. Ferguson married Charles Wilbur Christie in Mooresville, Biddulph Twp. They farmed on Lot 14, Stephen Twp. and raised John Aylmer (1905), Celia (1906-1989), Charles Eli (1910-1970), Earl Edward (1938) and Laverne (1920-1991).

John Aylmer married Dorothy Patterson. They had a daughter, D. Jean who is known as Sister Christina. She is buried in the Saints Anglican Convent in Baltimore, MD., USA. N

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In 1963, a storeroom downstairs was converted to a broom room and later became a laundry room. In 1966, work began to change the house to a one and a half storey dwelling from a two storey structure. The old roof was moved and replaced with a new sloping roof. A dormer was eliminated. The upstairs bedrooms were rebuilt with wall and sub-flooring installed. A front and back porch with a sidewalk were built in 1970. In 1972, a large room on the north side, which had not been used, was cleared and decorated for a livingroom. Shutters for each of the windows were obtained in 1989. At the present, Evan and Edna Sims and their youngest son, Bob reside in the house. Evan and Edna's family are; Steve and Penny and their son who live in Toronto. He is a Market Analyst with Northworth Trucking, and has also worked for Good Year Tire; he lives in Stoney Creek and is Head Librarian for the town of Lincoln; Jane works for the London Free Press as a reporter. She is leaving London and moving to Chatham to cover the news in Kent County. Bob works in the parts department at Huron Tractor in Exeter.



home of Evan and Edna (Bayley) Sims. In 1966 the two story home became a storey and a half.

William (Pat) and Laura Dickey Lot 2, Con. 11



Pat and Laura Dickey Farm House — has been torn down and a new house built.

William (Pat) and Laura Dickey (formerly Laura Ford of Usborne Twp.) purchased a farm, Lot 2, Con. 11, of Usborne Twp. from Edgar Gorvett in 1946.

They raised a family of seven girls and one boy; Mary (Brock), Joyce (Masnica), Dorothy (Peat), Sandra (Ulch), Donna (Brock), Judy (Westelaken) and Rob.

The children all attended S.S. #7, Usborne Public School at Zion corners, until the school was closed. The three younger children went to Usborne Central School and South Huron High School in Exeter.

In 1966, the house and 5 acres were severed by the Dickeys and the rest of the property was sold to Gordon Ford, who farms south of Winchelsea in Usborne Twp.

Pat Dickey died in Palmerston in August 1974 and Laura sold the house and few acres to Gordon Robinson of Woodham. She moved to Exeter and still resides there.



Pat Dickey — married Laura Ford. He was the best drummer in Western Ontario and he played with the Woodham Orange Lodge Band.



The Pat Dickey Family — (left to right) Donna, Sandra, Mary, Laura, Rob and Julie (Rompf), Dorothy, Joyce and Judy. 1982

at a time. They walked to church many five mile round trip.

Ford (1868-1945) married Catherine March (1863-1969), daughter of Wm. Walker and son, on June 20, 1893. William and his up a butcher shop business in Exeter on the Street. Washings were heavy back at the century as the men wore aprons made of n. Three children were born in the living ck of the store. Elva (1895-1973), Austin Thelma (1901-1937). William turned the his brother Albert and bought a farm. the farm on January 5, 1904, from Samuel \$6750 for the 100 acres, Lot 13, Con. 3. A south, Mrs. Joshua Heywood known as aring the birth of Mae (1903), Fred (1906-08) and William (1913-1920). The family iness of farming, milking cows by hand, eding animals, planting and harvesting l the trees in the sugar bush at the back end ly spiles were inserted into the trunk, the bucket and then it was poured into pails and dumped into huge black kettles, and ume syrup. Later the kettles were replaced The syrup was carried to the house, cleaned dy to serve with tea biscuits, homemade tc.



Catherine (Walker) Ford Family —(back) Elva, Mae, Thelma, Austin, (front) Lillian, about 1917.

n early youth, was intensely interested in correspondence courses from the United Music which arrived weekly. He taught from blackboard and every child learned to sing he family, the Fords could supply a variety sic, a mixed quartet, a ladies quartet, trios, chrestal numbers.

e talented organist of James Street Church our piano recital and Elva was invited to mos. Elva gave music lessons on the piano ew Dougall. Thelma worked in the office of J. Business and married Rev. Harold

On April 22, 1944, Wm. J. Ford sold the farm to Norman Kleinfeldt, and they retired to Exeter. Wm. died on April 19, 1945. Catherine continued to live on Gidley Street and later with her daughter Elva, and died at Huronview on November 1, 1962.

The Family of Harry Ford

Harry Ford, son of John Ford and Mary (Isaac) Ford, and Irene Whitlock were married December 28, 1910. They first lived on **Con. 7 Lot 11** in the house directly across from the Thames Road Church which was at that time owned by Robert McDonald. They moved from there about 1912, to the south half of Lot 26, Con. 4. This house was owned by John Morgan. About 1919, they moved to north of Elimville, Pt. Lot 13, Con. 6, a home previously owned by a Mr. Harris. For a number of years while residing there Harry was Road Superintendent of Osborne Township. In April 1946, they purchased a farm south of Winchelsea. This was the north half of Lot 6, Con. 8. This home was previously occupied by John Hern. Their family consists of Laura Dickey of Exeter, Ina Baker of St. Marys, Clarence of Kitchener, and Gordon who is on the farm south of Winchelsea.



The Harry Ford Family — Laura (Mrs. Pat Dickey), Irene (Whitlock), Harry, Gordon (in front), Clarence and Ina, 1942.

The Earl Foster Family

D.W. Earl Foster was born in 1935, son of the late Herbert and Harriett Foster, and was raised on Lot 24, Con. 13, of Fullarton Township. In 1956, Earl married the former Jean McLean, daughter of Ralph and Violet McLean of Blanshard Township.

In 1957, Earl purchased the Fred Horton farm, Lot 10, Con. 13, Osborne Twp., where they lived and raised beef cattle. In 1961, Earl purchased the Lorne Allen farm, Lot 11,



The Dwight Kinsman Family — Faye (Whiting), Dwight, and sons Dan, Luke and Jacob. They are living on Lot 22, S.T.R.



Peter and Martha (Williams) Whitlock and Evelyn (Whitlock) Horne.

The Peter Whitlock Farm

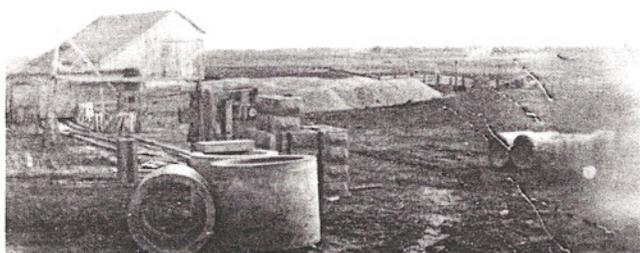
Around the turn of the century, my father purchased this farm from the late William Earl, who moved to Zion community. One asset of this farm was a gravel pit and a sand pit. Many loads of gravel came from here for the upkeep of the roads.

To make use of the sand, he purchased a mold and other equipment necessary for making cement blocks and tile. The tile were sold for use in drains.

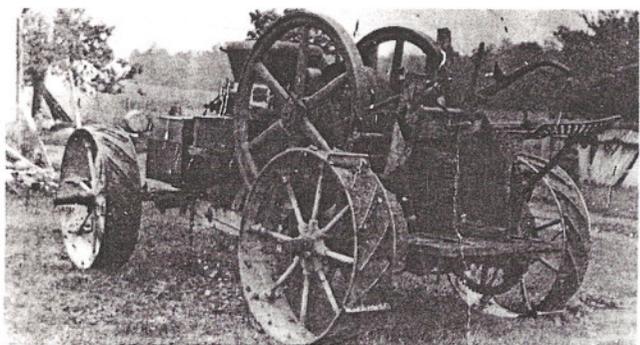
Being of a mechanical nature, he put together a tractor of sorts consisting of a gasoline engine and binder wheels with a box at the back which was used to bring sand from the pit to farm yard. There was a natural spring at the bottom of the lane which ensured a never-failing source of water. Cement, the other ingredient, had to be purchased. The cement blocks produced, approximately from 1914-1920, were used in many church sheds and one of the buildings in the township made of these blocks is the home of Larry Fulton of Elimville.



House of Larry Fulton in 1989 — Lot. 10, Con. 6. The cement blocks were made by Peter Whitlock on Lot. 25, Con. 7. Other cement block houses are owned by George Dunn, Lot 30, Con. 2; Lloyd Ferguson, Lot 31, Con. 4; Murray Dawson, Lot 28, Con. 7 and many more.



Peter Whitlock's Yard — This shows cement tiles and cement blocks used in houses in the township. East 1/2 Lot 25, Con. 7



Peter Whitlock's handmade tractor used in the tile yards.

Benson and Rollie Williams

Lot 16, Con. 7

Eleazor and Helen Williams purchasd Lot 16, Con. 7 of Usborne on December 26, 1895, for approximately \$9,500. Eleazor and Helen had a boy, Samuel Benson, born on September 3, 1872. On December 23, 1896, Benson married Priscilla Melissa (Cann), who was born January 3, 1871. Melissa was the daughter of neighbours, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cann, who resided on Con. 6. After the death of his mother, Benson and Melissa purchased the family farm from his father, Eleazor Williams. The purchase was made April 17, 1901, for approximately \$4000. Benson and Melissa were blessed with the birth of a son, Roland Benson, born July 27, 1899. A daughter, Iva Del Zella, born November 8, 1903, was taken back to be with her Lord on February 7, 1916. She died from appendicitis in her 13th year. On August 30, 1922, wedding bells rang out for Rollie Williams and Virgie May Jeanette Traquair, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Traquair of Tuckersmith township. Rollie and his new bride moved on to the family farm to reside with his parents. Rollie and Virgie experienced God's richest blessing with the births of their daughters Hazel and Ona.

Rollie and his father maintained a self-sufficient life from farming. They grew what they needed for food, selling the remainder to pay the bills. Rollie suffered a severe injury in