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**BAKER, NEWMAN ALBERT & INA JOY
(FORD)**

Newman Albert and Ina Joy (Ford) Baker came to West Nissouri in 1941, the year they were married. Newman (1912-2002) was born at Lion's Head on the Bruce Peninsula to William John and Sarah Almeda (Gunning) Baker, who had six boys and three girls. The family moved to the baseline of Blanshard Township. Newman always farmed and was good at mechanics and carpentry. He was always willing to help a neighbour.

Ina (1920-1993) was born in Elimville, Huron County, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ford. She loved music and played the organ and did ceramics.

Newman and Ina were married for 52 years. They lived on 75 acres on N^{1/2} of east three-quarters of Lot 34, Con. 5 (Wellburn Road) and owned a herd of registered Ayrshire cows. Ina worked alongside Newman, milking cows and working in the fields. They were hard workers with a well-kept farm. At silo-filling time, Newman was one of the men who would climb to the top of the silo to put up the blower pipes. He would walk around the top of an empty silo to the spot where the pipes were to be attached.

During their years on the farm, Newman added a double garage to their 1880 farmhouse. A date on

the outside of the house states that it was bricked in 1891.

Newman also built a driveshed, a steel granary and painted the barn. In 1975, the Bakers sold their farm to Henry and Mary Foesenek. Newman then built a house in St. Marys.

Previous owners of this farm included William Stapleton Sr., William Stapleton Jr. (1886), Robert Stapleton (1914), James Stapleton (1923) and George Cooper (1932).