

John Chamberlain was born an Englishman in 1782. He married Elizabeth Peel. Three children were born and the mother died. John then married Jane Nelson and they sailed for Canada where three more children were born. Their names respectively were Abigail, John, George, Elizabeth, Christine and Harriet. John is the only one of whom we have any record. He was born in 1812 in Lincolnshire, England, coming here as a boy. It is not known where he and his family lived until he purchased Lot 12 East half of Con. eleven, one hundred acres in 1837 from Canada Company. In 1847 he bought Lot 8 East half of Con eleven and sold Lot 12 to Laughlin McKinley in 1849.

John was married to Jane Taylor. Six boys and one girl were born. In 1857 three boys, ages three, ten and eleven years, died within two weeks of the dreaded disease diptheria. The surviving children were George, Malcolm, Elizabeth and William. Malcolm never married, Elizabeth married John Sheardown and raised a family on the Eleventh Con. King. Her great grandson John is now a successful miller in Nobleton. He married Irene Robinson and they have a family of two boys and one daughter Blanche.

George, the eldest of John and Jane, married Sophronia Jane Kennedy 1873. They settled on Lot 5, Con 11 King with the entrance to this farm on the Bolton Road. They had six children, Annetta married Daniel Malloy and lived on Lot 3 west half Con. eight King. Eight children were born, Lottie, Jennie, Lorne, Marion, Jim, George and Neil twins and Laura. Jennie and Neil are on the home place. Laura married Harold Taylor and live on a neighbouring farm. They had one son, who in turn had one daughter he being married to Thelma McCutcheon. Lottie and George are deceased and the rest of the family moved farther afield.

Mary, the second of John and Jane, married Herbert Ross. They farmed at <sup>p</sup>Scripturetown and had one daughter Jean. Jean married Marshall McMurchy and lived in Aurora. They had three children and two grandchildren.

Jemima, the third, married Charles Hill of Nobleton. Their geneology is in the Hill Family in this book.

Nora, the fourth child, married Cecil Gott of Bolton. They had one son.

Norman married twice but had no family.

John the youngest married Myrtle Maw of Bolton. They raised a family of six on the homestead on the Bolton Road.

Pearl, the eldest, married Fergus Mactaggart. They lived first on the Mactaggart homestead on 27 hiway, then moved to Lot 7 West half Con 10 King. They have one daughter and two sons. Daughter Evelyn taught school two years before marrying Bruce Farr who operated a farm and farm machinery business. Evelyn taught six more years. They have two sons Herbie and Tommy and live near Guelph at the present time. Bill, the oldest boy, with masters degree in Physics, teaches high school in Guelph. He is married to Jackie Robertson, also a teacher. They live on a farm near Guelph raising sheep as a hobby. They have two children Lisa and Billy. Jack, having a doctor's degree in Physics, works in research for Electronic Associates of Canada. He is married to Bonnie Huycke of Nobleton, a school teacher. They have two children Heather and Laurie. Their new home is on part Lot 15 Con 9 Albion.

Austin, second son of John and Myrtle, married Dorothy Borland. They farmed on Lot 4 Con 10 King. Four children were born to them. Joan married Neil Best. They live in Glen Williams and have two sons Sidney and Kenneth. Nancy, a school teacher, married Glen Broad. They reside near Nobleton on 27 highway. Kenneth and Karen are at home. In 1968 Austin sold the farm and they now reside on Crestview Ave. in Nobleton.

When George married Mary Tayles he took up residence in Woodbridge, working at Robertson's factory. They have two girls, Marilyn and Carol and a son Robert. Marilyn married Bob Ellison, an ambulance driver, and have two daughters, Tracey and Kelly. Carol is married to a machine operator Paul McMahon. Robert obtained his BA degree at the University of Toronto. He is married to Mariann Marinor

of Hawksbury where he teaches languages in the high school. They have a daughter Christine.

Noreen married Robert Kersey of Castlemore. Their family consists of four boys and two girls, namely Jim, John, Linda, Mary Ann, Billy and Kenneth. Jim married Joan Cantelan and they live in Georgetown. They have a boy Ronald and girl Lawrie. His business is refrigeration. John is in the transport business. Linda chose nursing as her career while the rest are still at home.

Mary was stricken with poliomyelitis in December 1947. She was hospitalized and lived in an iron lung for nearly five years. One touching event was when they permitted her, accompanied by two hospital staff members, to attend the wedding of her brother Joe in Kleinburg. However, the odds were against her and following a courageous fight for life she succumbed October 20, 1952.

Joseph married Velma Bell of Kleinburg. They have three sons Grant, Keith and Paul and a daughter Sandra. They all are living on the farm homestead.

John and his sons were very successful farmers, always first in the community to finish seeding, haying and harvesting. They also done considerable carpentering in their spare time. In 1953 John built a house to retire to near the site where the first old log house stood. All of his sisters were very fine seamstresses, this talent is quite notable in all the succeeding families. John died in December 1972. He and Myrtle would have been married fifty eight years just one month after his death.

### Chamberlains

William James, the youngest son of John and Jane Chamberlain, was born 1859 and raised to be a farmer on Lot 8, Con. 10 King.

Will took pride in his farming. A lover of horses, he would raise a colt or two each year, then a bit of horse dealing on the side. He also enjoyed a day now and then at the race track where he would watch the trotters.

In 1885 he and Alice Ann Robb were united in matrimony. They raised seven children - namely Annie, Russel, William, Christopher, Stokes, Reuben and Hilda.

Annie is well known around Nobleton having lived in or near here all her life. Christopher Hodgson took her for his life partner, farming Lot 17, Con. 10 King. Of this marriage six children were born. Alice, their first daughter, married Clare New, they had no family. William married Eliza Barker of King. His geneology will be found in another section of this book. Donola married Frank Hamilton of Hammertown, where they farmed and raised two girls and a boy - Lois, Lawrena and George. Lois married Norman Taylor, they have four daughters - Karen, Donna, Barbara and Nancy.

Lawrena married Ernest Churchill and have one daughter and two boys, Ruth Ann, Ernest Franklin and Ronald.

George married Beverley Dick, they have two boys and one girl and live in their new home built on the family property.

Jean, fourth child of Chris and Annie, married Lloyd Brown of Schomberg, they had three children - Lorna, Harold and Murray.

Kenneth married Margaret Johnston, they farmed the Hodgson homestead for a number of years, then moved into Nobleton, Ken now working at Malton, Toronto Airport. Ken and Margaret have three grown daughters and a wee one - Judy, Jane, Cathy and Lori.

Helen Hodgson married Henry Walford of Toronto. They have three sons and two daughters all living in Toronto.

Clare Hodgson, the youngest son, married Vicky Kenney and have one daughter Karen. Clare was killed accidentally when his truck collided with a train.

Annie was widowed in 1961 and has seen three of her children laid away. This completed the Hodgson story.

Russel Chamberlain, eldest son of William and Alice, married Myrtle Clark of Castlederg. They raised two sons and one daughter. Bill served in the Canadian Armed Forces in work war two and is now living in British Columbia, having married Mary Cox. They have two sons Butch and Buck. Bert married Audrey Clayton and has one son Douglas and operates a T.T.C. bus. Their sister Gail married Mason Brown of New Brunswick, has a family of five and resides in Toronto.

William J., the third child of Will and Alice, enlisted in the Canadian Armed Forces at the age of 21 in 1914. He served his country well until 1917 when he gave his life.

Christopher married Hyacinth Wilson of Creemore, a school teacher. They had three children - Catherine, Clive and Christine. His wife died of cancer when Clive and Christine were eight years of age. Chris later married a young widow Elsa Lee, who also had a young son John. A son Craig was born to this marriage. Catherine married John Weedon of Kettleby, they have two sons - Tommy and Chris. Catherine died of cancer at the age of thirty-eight. Clive is well known in the Nobleton district, he married Ann Rhodes of Tottenham, and is presently living in Tottenham and is driving a milk transport truck. They have one son Terry and a daughter Elizabeth.

Christine married Don Nelson of Bolton, they have three children, Denise Bradley and Shelly. John Lee is married to Wendy Smith, is a parts mechanic and works and lives in Nobleton. Craig lives in Nobleton with his mother, who teaches school here. Chris passed away in 1968.

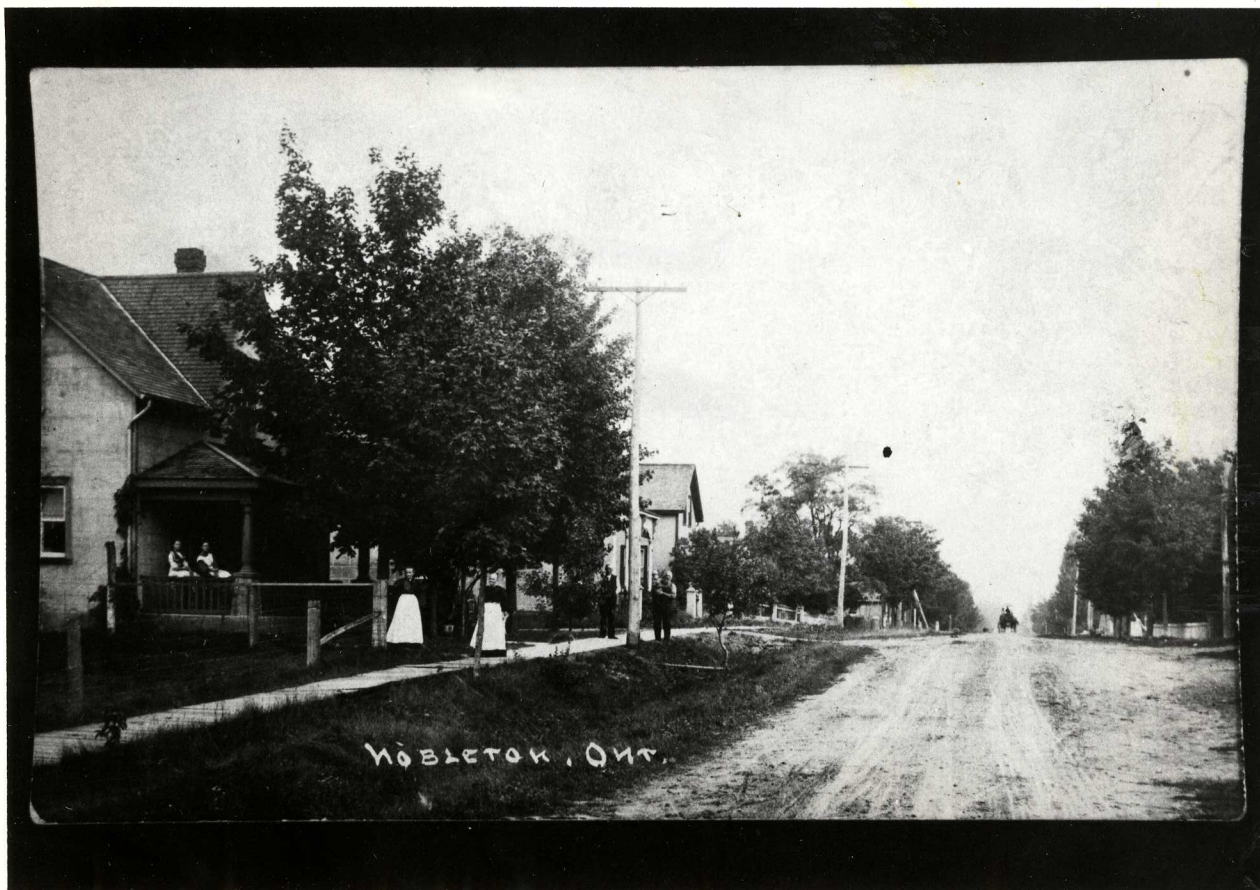
Stokes Chamberlain, fifth child of William and Alice, married Verna Williams. They farmed on Lot 2, Con. 10 King, from 1927 to 1959. They have a daughter Joan and a son Roger. Joan married William Kerr, a farmer in Vaughan, they have a daughter Virginia, married to Stanley Knapp of Woodbridge, and a son Tom at home.

Roger married Mary Lou Schaefer of Bolton. They reside in Peterborough and have a family of four - Neil, Scott, Jennifer and Dean. Stokes expired in 1968.

Reuben Chamberlain, the youngest son, inherited the homestead Lot 8, Con. 10. He married Otilia Archer of Elmvale, they were blessed with two sons and three daughters. Mary, the eldest, married Hugh Sheardown and lives in Nobleton raising three sons - Wayne, Scott and Dairen. Ida married Murray Pearson, they live in Toronto where Ida teaches school.

Hilda, the youngest, attends University and the boys Archie and Bob, are well known for their flying activities, they live at home.

Hilda, the youngest child of William and Alice, married Richard Housego of Toronto. They met when he taught school at Linton in 1928. They raised two sons - Richard and Edward (Dick and Ted) presently on the teaching staff in Toronto. Dick is married to Rosemary Davis and they have three daughters and one son James. Ted married Gail Lindsay and have two daughters Leslie and Lindsay.



The old Arena demolished in 1976