

The Chapman Family

Tom Chapman was a native of Lincolnshire, England, born in November 1866. He came to Canada in 1885 at the age of nineteen, living in Toronto Junction and working to learn the butcher business. He first worked for H. Wickson and then Fred Rowntree. Later he launched into business for himself. He was active in politics, serving on the Toronto Junction council for four years. He married Annie Lascelles and after many years in the butchering trade, he decided to leave this business. In 1909 he moved his wife and family to the farm Lot 1-Concession 10, King Township which was formerly owned by Oliver Train.

His greatest interest was the church, especially the Sunday School, where he taught for over fifty years in Nobleton United Church. In winter he often walked from the farm to teach his Bible class when the roads were blocked with snow.

In 1942 he retired from farming and moved to Nobleton where he had a small garden and kept a few pigs until he died in 1957 at the age of ninety. His wife pre-deceased him in 1937. They had three sons and one daughter: Fred, Frank, Muriel and Gordon. Both Fred and Frank served during World War One in France and Russia. There are eleven grandchildren, thirteen great grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren.

Fred married Irene Whorley and they lived on the Tenth of King, Lot 4 for many years. They later moved to

Haileybury with their family, Margaret, Ruth and Robert.

Irene died in 1969 and Fred still lives in Haileybury with his son Bob. Margaret (Mrs. Olson) now lives in Tillsonburg and Ruth (Mrs. Durkee) lives in Ohio in the United States.

Frank married the former Olive Hill and they lived in Nobleton until his death in August 1958. They had three children: Mary (Mrs. F. Ball), and Jim and Larry at home. They also had a son Peter who died in infancy.

Muriel married Jack Wallace of Woodbridge. She passed away in 1938. They had three children: George (deceased), Eleanor (Mrs. Maltby) of Thornton and Doris (Mrs. Oakley) of Castlemore.

Gordon is still on the family farm, with his wife, the former Madeline Jackson, their daughter Judy and son John and wife Doris (nee Westbrook) and family.