

THE JEWITTS

John Gibson Jewitt came from England as a soldier in the war of 1812. He was stationed at the barracks in Exhibition Park, Toronto.

He met and married Elizabeth Crossan in 1840. Elizabeth's parents, John and Mrs. Crossan, came to Canada about 1799 walking from Pennsylvania, with all their household goods on the back of a two year old horse.

Mr. Crossan was able to obtain one hundred acres of land from a Mr. Devins in exchange for his horse.

John and Elizabeth had eleven children. William, the youngest and central figure of this history, was born 1852 on the eighth line of Vaughan lot 33. This farm is now divided by highway 400, the family cemetery on the east side and the old homestead with its apple orchard planted with seeds brought from Pennsylvania on the west side.

At the age of 28 years William bought one hundred acres of land lot 2, con. 11 King, all bush. Sleeping in the bush he and his brothers built a log house in 1881. Later that year he married Harriet Sheardown, daughter of John Sheardown of King Township.

About 1887 Mr. Jewitt moved to Lot 3, Con. 10 King selling part of the Lot 2, Con. 11 west of the Humber River. He then located in Toronto for about ten years, then came back to the farm.

William and Harriet had seven children, Elsie, William John, Norman, Cora May, William Albert, Daisy and Loftus George. In 1897 Harriet died when Loftus was an infant. In 1902 William married Emily Mould of Toronto. They had one daughter Gladys.

Elsie, the eldest, married John Yeaman in Nobleton Methodist Church. This being the first wedding in this church the bride was presented with a white bible by Rev. Fish. Elsie and John had five sons and lived in Saskatchewan.

William John died in infancy. Norman, Cora May, and William Albert went to Saskatchewan but William Albert returned to Ontario, raised a daughter and son. His widow resides in Nobleton.

Daisy married Albert Millar, they had one girl and two boys and lived in King and Vaughan Townships. Loftus married Greta Wedgewood. They have four daughters. They farmed on Con. 7 King, later retiring to Nobleton.

Gladys, of the second marriage, married Anson McCluskie. They lived in King until 1953. They had one daughter.

In 1902 Mr. Jewitt built a brick house on the 10th concession farm. It is now known as Humbervale Inn.



The log house built in 1881 on Lot 2
Con. 11 King Township by Wm.
Jewitt

King Creek Bridge



The brick house built in 1902 on lot 3
Con. 10 King Township by William
Jewitt