

KAAKE FAMILY

In his book "The Trail of the Black Walnut" Dr. George Elmore Reeman has made extensive research into the migration of Pennsylvania Germans who were among the first settlers in York County and other parts of Ontario. The name Adam Kaake is recorded with those first to settle in King Township in the year 1796.

A family legend still in circulation relates that Adam came to Nobleton with his family of 16 children which included 7 sons. He was offered the choicest farm land in the district but there were several taverns operating in the vicinity and he decided it was not a good place to raise a family of boys. He proceeded north to Meaford and settled there. A son Charles married Elizabeth Arnold. They had nine children, two of whom returned to the Nobleton district and became very successful farmers. They were Tom and James.

Tom married Elizabeth Goodfellow. They farmed on the 10th line of King Township and had 4 sons and 3 daughters as follows:

Harvey married Edna Norton, Had 2 children Ruth and Helena, Ruth, a school teacher married Maurice Houston, have a son Jim and daughter Ruth Ann. Helena died at an early age.

Laura Kaake married Robert Armstrong, had 2 children Marion and Florence. Marion married William McCallum, no children; Florence married Ken Wilkinson, no children.

Herman, now residing in Nobleton, married Cora Kennedy. Their children are Donald, Hardware and General Merchant in Nobleton, Dorothy and Mary. Donald has 1 daughter Linda, Mrs. Wm Tomlinson. Dorothy married John Webster a Veterinary of Schomberg. They had one daughter, Heather, John Webster died and Dorothy married, Dr. John Shepherd, Who is also a Veterinary. Mary married Lloyd Clairihue, a broker. They have 2 children, and live in the United States.

Marion Kaake married Harvey Armstrong. They had 3 children, Norman, Betty and Allan.

Forest married Alice Cowper and some years after her death married Donald Fry. There were no children.

Erie, unmarried, lives in Bolton.

Andrew married Laura Gray, had 2 Daughters Phyrn and Edith. Phyrn married Robert Walker; Edith married Harry Matson.

Tom's brother James Kaake married Mary Fry. They had 10 children as follows:

Sarah married Joe Pringle, had 2 daughters Ella and Ruby, moved to Western Canada.

Mary Kaake married George Robinson. They farmed on the Centre Road near Victoria. For many years the family has lived in Brampton. The eldest daughter, Jessie has been an invalid for several years suffering from arthritis.

Laura graduated in nursing in 1915 from Toronto General Hospital, sent overseas the same year to nurse the wounded in the 1st World War, After Armistice in 1918 she was with the Canadian Casualty Clearing Station in Germany. She returned to Canada in 1919 and after demobilization went to the U.S. and received her B.Sc. degree from Western Reserve University in Detroit. In 1936 she received her M.A. from Columbia University, New York. She held several administrative positions in the eastern States. On retirement she returned to Brampton and became active in the Women's Auxiliary of Peel Memorial Hospital serving as President for 2 years prior to her death. The Intensive Care Unit at Peel Memorial is named for her, "In Memoriam!"

Harriett (Hattie) Robinson married Robert Nelson Beatty. They had 2 children; Mary who is Mrs. Wallace McLeod and George, a Veterinary who was Gold Medalist in his graduating class at the Ontario veterinary College, Guelph, now owns and operates a hospital for small animals in Palatine, Illinois.

Lydia holds an A.C.A.M. in piano from the Canadian Academy of Music, is also active in the Women's Auxiliary of Peel Memorial Hospital and has received a citation for distinguished service in that field.

The only son Thompson Robinson married Margaret Anthony. On retirement from farming, they resided in Brampton. They had no children, Thompson died in 1967 his wife in 1971.

Violet Kaake married William Turner- no children.

Clara Kaake married Alex Finney, had 2 sons William and Douglas. William is with Simpson's London, Ont., Douglas is a Bank Manager in Toronto.

George Kaake married Elizabeth Jeffery, was in retail shoe business in Toronto for many years. A son Lawson was Silver Medalist in his graduation class of Chartered Accountants, is now General Manager of Upper Lakes Shipping. A daughter Norma is married and lives in the U.S.

Edwin John Kaake married Sarah Jane Breedon, had 7 Children of whom 2 died in infancy. Surviving are Reta, Leonard, Arthur, Murray and Doris.

Henrietta married James Murray, had 1 son Lawrence James.

Al Kaake married Sylvia Wells. Their children were Edna, Flossie, Wilbur and Madeline.

Charles Kaake married Ida Gilmour had 1 son Edwin.

Florence Kaake remained single, lives in Islington.

Most widely known in the Nobleton locality Edwin John (Ed) did an extensive business as a drover and butcher. During his early years, cattle, sheep and hogs were bought directly from farmers, rounded up at Nobleton and herded on foot to Kleinburg C.P.R. station where they were loaded on cars to go to the stock yards in Toronto. In winter some animals were slaughtered and prepared for market, loaded on sleighs and hauled by horses to Toronto for sale to butcher shops and private buyers. This was a long cold journey in freezing weather over roads blanket blanketed deep in snow. Often the main road would be so drifted, detours had to be made through adjoining fields. In other seasons a spring wagon was the conveyance on which was piled an amazing amount of butter, eggs, meat and poultry. An important part of the butcher ^{business} was two weekly deliveries of meat by horse and wagon to the nearby villages of King, Laskay and Kleinburg, also calling at farms on route. With the advent of motorized vehicles and improved roads, work became easier, From 1914 to 1919 inclusive, Ed served as councilor on the King Township Council. He continued buying and selling livestock until his death in 1945.

Edwin John Kaake married Sarah Jane Breedon and they had 7 children, 2 of whom died in infancy. Reta married Leonard Train. They had one son, Bruce, who graduated as an Aeronautical Engineer from the University of Toronto and is now a Project Engineer for the Ontario Hydro. He married Jean McLean and they live in Islington.

Leonard, a foreman for Toronto and York Roads Commission which is now York Regional Municipality Roads, married Lily (Lillian) Topper. They have 4 children, Jeanne married Walter Bradley. They have 5 children, and live in St. Catherines; Lawrie married Shirley Hayter, have 2 children, live in Toronto; Beverly and R.N. graduate of Women's College Hospital Toronto, married John Andrews. They have 3 children, live in St. Catharines; Earle married Erma Clark. He is in roads construction and maintenance work. They have 3 daughters, live in Nobleton.

Edwin John's second son, Arthur now retired from roads construction married Olive Devings and is a life long resident of Nobleton. They have 1 son and 3 daughters; Karen married

Don Fry. They have 1 daughter. David still a bachelor lives at home; Sondra married Arthur Ransom, have 1 daughter; Wanda married Gary Brown.

E.J.'s third son, Murray, continued in his father's business, resides in Nobleton, married Gladys Leonard. They have 2 sons; Ronald, a graduate in Business Administration from Ryerson Polytechnical Institute is with Air Canada; Alan lives at home.

Doris married Percy Hill. Both are life long residents of Nobleton. They had 2 daughters and 1 son; Marilyn became a school teacher, married David Broad, died in 1965. Edwin, a Senior Technologist for Northern Electric, married Linda Grant. They have 2 children, and live in Montreal. Debra is a student at King Secondary School.

Charles Kaake's other sons, besides James and Tom, Richard, William and John became farmers in the Kincardine district, Joe lived at Duncan then moved with his family to Clarksburg. Margaret married Edward Tyndall of Bolton. They had 5 children; Harriett, Hannah, Alfred, Lottie and Lizzie.

Harriett married Harvey Westlake. They had 1 daughter.

Hannah Tyndall married Albert Rutherford. They had 6 children as follows, Tyndall, Lillian, Mabel, R.J., William and Lloyd.

Alfred Tyndall married Olive Sparrow, had 1 son Murray.

Lottie Tyndall married Isaac Steele, had 2 daughters; Luella who married Albert Snell, Olive married Lorne Elliott.

Lizzie Tyndall married Milton Downey, had 2 sons, Henry and Nelson.

The trend of the times has been away from family visiting, consequently we lose touch with distant kinfolk.