

### "The Pringle Family"

William Pringle was born February 24th 1785 in Queen's County Ireland. His wife Jane Gibbons of King's County Ireland. He was by trade a wool comber, the wool in those days was combed by hand.

In 1812 April 10th, their son George was born. They came to Canada but before they reached their destination Mrs. Pringle died in 1818 in Prince Edward Island.

Mr. Pringle then came to King Township, he taught school at Thornhill for some later taking up farming. He remarried and raised a son John.

George married Susanna Bell in 1835. They had ten children, William, John, Rowley, Edward, Martha, Susan and Jane. Three of their children are buried in the water tower cemetery. All had been named William until finally one survived. George raised his family on the eighth Concession Lot nine, King Township. Son John married Fannie Snider of Nobleton, their family was Harold, Orpha and Flossie.

Harold was well known in Nobleton as a seed merchant and storekeeper. Also a keen hockey player and race horse fan. Harold married Cora Hill and had one daughter, Gladwyn. Gladwyn married Keith Banting who carried on the seed cleaning business. They have two sons and three daughters and reside in Nobleton.

Orpha married Archie Mactaggart and homesteaded at Weyburn Saskatchewan, raising a family of 3 sons Garnet, Howard and Donald.

Flossie was a registered nurse and married Howard Wellar a farmer of Nobleton.

Going back to the first generation, William had another son whose name was John, a half brother of George. John married Emma Payne. They had six children named Mary, William, George, Martha, Henry and Joseph.

George married Fanny Newton. They farmed on Concession 9 of King Township and had a family of five children, Bert, Sophia, John, Newton and Lorne. Bert married Harriet Cole and by trade was a banker. Sophia married Clarence Imrie. John died as an infant so the next baby was called John Newton.

This John Newton was born in 1878 and has been a familiar character all his life around Nobleton. He worked his grandfather's farm until 1915 then worked in Toronto as a shoe salesman on Dundas Street. He married in 1926 Amy Floyd. He has one son Gordon and one granddaughter and two great grand children, residents of Scarboro. He and his wife took up residence on the Old King Road Nobleton. His wife predeceased him but he still lives here in 1972 at 94 years of age. Lorne married Alice Smith, they had twins Margaret and Maxwell.

John and Emma's daughter Martha married to become the second wife of David Robb who already had 2 sons and 2 daughters of his own. Of this union there were 2 sons and 2 daughters. Mr. Robb died at 47 years and his widow married William Couper. This couple had 2 girls, Mrs. Vera Wellar and Mrs. Forest Kaake.