

"THE STEWARTS"

Charles Stewart, a handsome young Scot migrated to Canada and chose as his bonny bride, a young lady from Hall's Lake, on the 12th Concession of King township. In 1855, they were married and settled on a farm on lot 21, Concession 9, in the township of King.

To them was born two boys, Thomas and Daniel and two girls Mary and Hannah.

Thomas was trained as a school teacher and as a young adventurous lad left to make his niche in the Yukon during the Gold Rush days. He was never heard of for over thirty years but it was said that he had accumulated many a fortune only to lose it again.

This lane of adventure and the great out-door life of the Yukon has brushed off on his nephew Morley Stewart for he is greatly inspired by works of Robert Service. Mary married dr. Taggart and made her home in Tottenham and her sister Hannah married a farmer by the name of Mr. Robinson. Both girls became widows and went to live to-gether in Western Canada and later Hannah re-married, the brother-in-law of her sister.

Tragedy befell young Charles Stewart for he lost his young wife at an early age, but several years later, he married Martha Irwin. Once again he became father to four girls, Millie (Mrs. Graham of Toronto), Nell (Mrs. Walter Bell of Bell's Lake), Lottie (Mrs. David McCutcheon of Nobleton), Ettie (Mrs. Art Elkins) and one son Robert of Thisletown.

Daniel Stewart, the son of his first marriage, married Mary Louisa McGinnis of Lloydtown in 1884 and together they began farming on fifty acres on the northwest corner opposite Linton Post Office. The big stone place was a happy household, not devoid of music for many evenings were spent singing hymns, played on an old organ, which is still used by his son Morley in his home in Nobleton. Daniel and his wife were devout Presbyterians and true to their scottish ancestry attended the 9th Line Church. To this couple were born seven sons, Wilbert, Frank, Percy, Hartley, Morley, Aubrey and Elton. Although there was not a girl to ease the household burden, Mrs. Stewart taught her boys to cook and to do all types of household chores as well as farm work. In 1905, Daniel with visions of setting his sons up on 7 homesteads, sold his cattle and implements, rented his farm and headed for Western Canada.

Firstly, they settled at Mosemin, Saskatchewan and then Rockinville but tragedy once again struck, the family, for Percy and Elton died of typhoid fever. Daniel at once returned to Linton and by 1906 was once again on his own farm, having lived one year in Lloydtown; never to venture again.

They remained until their deaths, Daniel in 1938 and Mary in 1930, having handed the farm over in 1929 to their son Morley.

Morley lived the life of a bachelor for many years enjoying hunting, fishing and vacations south to Florida. His bachelor days came to an end in 1962, when he married a most charming widow, Alma Adams, the mother of two sons.

Boyd and Jerry, who had come from Park Corner, Prince Edward Island. They farmed on the homestead until retiring to Nobleton in 1967.

Wilber and Frank remained in Western Canada and Hartley all his life a railroad man became station agent at Galt, Ontario and Aubrey became an insurance agent at Bradford, Ontario.

The name of Stewart bears honourable mention in the history of the early families for these people shared love and devotion not only to their families and neighbours, but to the whole community.

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