

WESTBROOK FAMILY

Charles Westbrook was born 1841 East Stratton, England. His wife the former Harriet Cole was born six years later in the same village.

In 1875 this couple left England with their six children, William, Emily, Edwin, John, Walter and Louis. The oldest was six years old.

They settled on a farm at Pennville, Ontario. Here the remainder of the family was born, Thomas, Joseph, Alfred, May and George.

As they grew to manhood one by one they went to Western Canada where they all stayed with the exception of Alfred and Louis who returned to Ontario. Alfred was a thresher by trade living and serving in Vaughan for a time then moving to Nobleton where he and his wife, the former Emma Jane Kinnie had their family, Leslie, Leonard, Mable, Arthur, Harold and Jean.

Mr. Westbrook died at the age of 37 years. Leslie the eldest was then 15 years old. He was born in Vaughan, the rest in Nobleton. Leslie married Laura Boak, they have two daughters Betty and Patricia. Betty married Edward Kerr and has one son Chris. Patricia married Edward Hebert.

Leonard married Dorothy Bell of Kleinburg. They started farming in Albion, then moved to the eighth concession of King. In 1871 they sold out and retired to Nobleton. This couple have three daughters, Jean, May and Doris.

Jean married Alfred Snell of Bolton. She was left a widow with four children: Hilda, Dianne, Ralph and Glen. Jean then married William Ashley, they have a girl and a boy.

May is married to James Heuchon of Beeton. They have five children.

Doris married John Chapman of Kleinburg, they have a daughter Carol and son John. They recently moved to a farm at Arthur.

Mable Westbrook married Reeve Castator of Woodbridge. They have a daughter Louise who married James Willoughby. When Mr. & Mrs. Castator sold their farm they came to Nobleton to live in the Westbrook homestead.

Harold, better known as Mike, was a butcher. He had his own slaughter house on the tenth concession King and a retail butcher shop in Nobleton. He married Eva Cairns and had three sons: Philip, Edward and Richard.

Arthur and Jean died when quite young.