

FARM HISTORIES

Lot 1, Concession 6, King Township.

This property consists of two acres of land with an eight roomed red brick house and a small barn.

The property was originally obtained from the Smeltzer family who owned a large area of land between the 5th and 6th concessions.

Joseph Watson, was born on the old homestead in Vaughan. At the age of sixteen he was apprenticed to the trade of a blacksmith, which he continued to follow and was exceedingly prosperous. In 1859 he bought and settled at Lot 1, Con.6 of King. He also married in 1859 and had four children, two of whom later resided at Laskay, John and Annie (Mrs. Wesley Hamilton). His second marriage was to Caroline Harris in 1899. He died in 1917. His blacksmith shop faced the 6th concession, north of the house. Mr. Watson later added an addition to the rear of the house, moving the kitchen to its present location on the east side.

The property remained in the Watson family until about 1919, when it was sold to a Mr. Kerr, who in turn sold it in 1922 to Sinclair A. Levack, who used it as a summer home till his death in 1953. His family are the present owners and a grandson, Lorne Ney now resides there.

When electricity was first brought into the district the house and barn were wired and since that time, the house has been modernized to present day standards, without making any material changes in its structure.

Lot 35, Concession 5, Vaughan Township.

The property consists of 50 acres of bush, pasture and tillable land and there is a deep water hole which very rarely goes dry. The late Mr. George Patton of Laskay helped to clear some of this land in his younger days.

The original deed goes back to a Crown Grant and was owned by the Peterbaugh family for several generations. In 1923 Mr. Patton, King City, then the owner sold it to Sinclair A. Levack, who in 1950 sold it to his daughter Mrs. Walter J. Ney the present owner.

Mr. Joseph Wood

Mr. Joseph Wood was clerk of King Township from 1847 to 1887 when he retired.

(From History of York County, 1885) "Mr. Joseph Wood was a find specimen of what may be accomplished by industry and faithful discharge of the duties of citizenship, one of a class of Englishmen, who by their energy and thrift have aided greatly in developing the country and improving themselves." (This quote from York County Historical Atlas, 1978)

He came with his parents from England in 1830 to "Little York". In 1831 the family consisting of three brothers and two sisters moved to Whitchurch Township near Aurora.

In 1835 to Lot 12, Con. 6, King Township, while that region was almost a wilderness.

In 1857 Mr. Joseph Wood settled on Lot 1, Con. 6 where he continued to live. His only surviving brother was a minister of the Episcopal Methodist Church. His wife was Catharine Smeltzer.

This farm at Lot 1, Con. 6, remained in the Wood name for about 90 years, and in 1957 it has been owned about ten years by William Bryson, formerly of Vaughan Township.

The Brysons were of pioneer families in Vaughan. Mrs. Wm. B. Bryson (Beatrice Ireland- daughter of Jesse Ireland).

In 1951 Mr. Bryson remodelled the brick home which was built in 1860. Mrs. Bryson's only son Jesse operates the farm on on a field crop basis. The barn was removed in 1951.



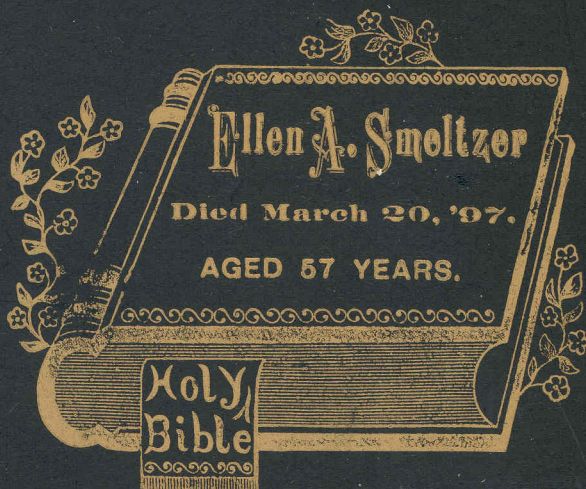
This house was shown in the nearly 100 years old picture in our book. The above picture was taken in early 1900's, the smaller one in 1950, now owned by Bert and Dorothy Ezard; who have renovated the inside and covered the outside with log-siding. This house is next to the United Church.

The picture shows there was no racial discrimination in Laskay, there being two negro families in Laskay. This is Nellie Barnard, daughter of Dick Barnard, also the Rolling Family lived here.



This house was built in 1860 by the Wood family at Lot 1, con. 6 and remained in the Wood Name till about 1950, at which time, Mr. Wm. Bryson, the new owner, tore down the old house and rebuilt a new one, using some of the old bricks.





A precious one from us has gone,
A voice we loved is stilled ;
A place is vacant in our home,
Which never can be filled.

God in his wisdom has recalled
The boon his love has given ;
And though the body moulders here,
The soul is safe in Heaven.

WITNESS PRINT:
BRADFORD.



The Canada Co. sold lot 2, concession 5, King township, 200 acres for one hundred pounds on the 16th March 1833, to John Smelser, who already had acquired in 1828 the 200 acres to the south, lot 1 in 1828. Previous to this John had cleared the bush and cultivated a farm across the road which was King and Vaughan Townline.

John Smelser took his oath of allegiance to her Majesty, Queen Victoria, March 10th, 1840 at Toronto. (Have original copy). Have crown deed to farm also. John Smelser originally came from Germany and married Mary -- They had 6 sons and 2 daughters.

At the time of his death in 1859 he had about 250 acres; the easterly parts of lots 1 and 2 being sold off, the 250 acres was equally divided between three sons, Henry, Joseph and John.

Son Joseph 1843-1900 acquired approximately 82 acres the west part of lot 2, rear con. 5.

Ellen Ann Bailey 1840-1897.

Their only son Thomas Bailey 1862-1944 married in 1898 Frances Elizabeth Scott 1875-1946.

They had 2 sons, Scott Bailey - 1901 - married Alma Slean.

Pearson James 1902 - 1962- married Adella Lawson
Pearson and Adella's son- John Thomas born 1950.

In year 1962 Harold Books from lot 2, rear con. 6⁵, acquired a lot from southwest corner, built a home.

In year 1964 Wm. B. Gregg of Downsview, Ont. proprietor of Shell Service Station at Highway 400 and King City sideroad bought the Smeltzer property and thus ended one chapter of the book.

The original spelling of the name was Smelser and am not sure when changed to Smeltzer, but before 1890. Joseph Smeltzer was one of the pioneers in establishing the Robertson Masonic Lodge at King City. His Masonic apron was given to King Lodge as a memento and tribute to his memory about 1947 on the occasion of the lodge's 75th birthday.

Mixed farming was the general type of farming with turkey raising carried on about 1930's to 1950's. The present barn was remodelled in 1902. The house is quite old, one part having been moved from con. 5 and townline area. The house was covered with insul brick siding in early 1940's. Several antique articles were sold at the sale in November 1962. An antique cherry pitter was donated to Pioneer Village.

In a Joseph Baldwin ledger book, 1848-50 and 1854-1858 considerable lumber and plank sawed for John Smeltzer was recorded but not sure if used on lot 1 or lot 2. We have the original birth certificate of Ellen Ann Bailey (wife of Joseph Smeltzer) 23rd June, 1840, District of Pendle, in county of Lancaster (presume England).

A King township assessment 1870 records.

County rate .20¢ on \$100.00

Township rate .07¢ on \$100.00

School rate .23¢ on \$100.00

Dog tax \$1 and \$2.

1836 - 13 shillings 4 pence

1870 - taxes on 100 acres \$13.10

King Township ass. 1954 records

County purposes - 11.25 mills
on \$1.00

Twp. Administration 10.24 mills

Twp. Roads & bridges 8.73 mills

Twp. fire protection 1.11 mills

Road debt 1.17 mills

Farm & Residential property

rate - 29.8 mills.

A grocery bill David Brigs to John Smelzer is recorded in shillings and pence and credited with 60 cord of wood, 1/2 days work in 1853.

In 1888 a grain binder was purchased for \$52.75.



December, 1948



This brick farmhouse on lot 2, con. 6, West Side, is said to be over a hundred years old. Has been owned by Goodfellow, J. Patton, J. McCallum, L. Glass and now LaRush.



This house is on South side of King and Vaughan Townline, between 6 and 7th con. owned by the Duncan McMurchy family since 1912, and sold in 1958 by son Marshall who was past warden of York County.

This house is presumably over 100 years old and built of mud and straw, and has a metal sheet siding on in this picture. The house is now being completely renovated.



This is the original hotel, shown in the nearly 100 year old picture. It is now owned by Mrs. Reginal Case. This was once owned by John Watson, well known bridge builder. This house is to the north of Laskay Store; since this picture was taken, part of the back was removed and the 2-story barn is torn down.



This farm house has been owned by J.T. Hunter family since 1920 and had the crown deed taken out in 1802 by a Hannah Palmer. John Peterman was the owner when farm house was built.

LOTS 9 and 10 - Plan 167, Lot 4, Con. 6.

According to the Canada Directory 1857-58 an Alexander Malcomb was a store-keeper at Lot 4, Con. 6, King Township and later this property was part of the Reesor subdivision registered in 1867 as lots 9 and 10, plan 167.

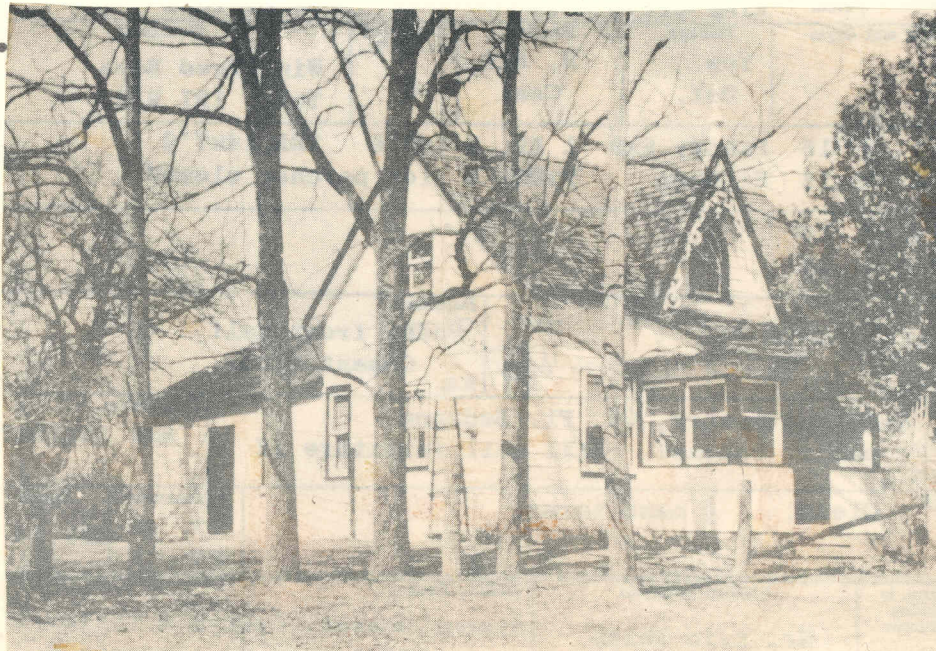
Mr. Benjamin Rolling, a negro, had the Laskay P.O. in this one room store from 1884-98. Mr. Rolling was killed enroute from Toronto with his team of horses and wagon by a train. This ended the General Store and about 1903 Colin and Duncan Sinclair were granted 2/5 acre for \$900.00 and George and John Sinclair were credited with 1/5 acre and George operated a shoe store.

Miss Winnie Boys relates the following - "I believe the front of the house to be built about 1880 and when we moved in March 1916, Geo. Sinclair's shop was then at the fence, north of house, and my father, Wm. Boys, moved it to the back of the house and made from it a back kitchen and woodshed. He also added the closed-in-verandah, put in hardwood floors and plastered most of the house. The kitchen had been built first and was used as a school. Mrs. Wes. Hamilton who lived south of Temperance Hall, said she attended school there. There is a board over the north door with a sign cut in the wood, but paint obscures its reading. There was also a log cottage northwest of Boy's house and Geo. Sinclair's two sisters lived there. I can remember going there to have a dress made, but building gone before 1916." A barber shop was also known to be operated here.

Wm. Boys and Mary (McTavish) Boys retired to Laskay from their farm Lot 13, West half of Con. 5 in 1916 and this Laskay property remained in the Boys name till 1957, when the daughter Winnifred, a R.N. sold to Edward Arthur Payne and before 1960 was sold to R.H. Franklin.

Son Harold Boys served in the war of 1914/18. Son Fred carried on the farm till about 1951; he was the third generation, Isaac, Wm. and Fred.

In the 1950's Mrs. Boys and Winnifred sold a lot to the north of their house to Al. Loucks and built a house. Taxes in 1957 on the approximately (Boys) 166' x 142' lot were \$31.74.



LOT 13, 14, 15- Part of Lot 4, Con. 6.

Information acquired from Registry Office, Newmarket states that first Grantee mentioned 1/5 acre land sold to David Van Every - Consideration \$114. in Aug. 1860.

In 1862 1/5 acre granted to Thomas Cundle for \$200.00

In 1882 reg. 1884 grant ee - Alex Pattons - 3/5 acre lots, 13,14,15.

In 1884 - Grantee - Lucy McCallum

In 1886 - 3/5 acre granted to 1889, registered 1896 to Geo. Patton, son of Alex. Patton and remained in Patton name till 1938.

George Patton 1856-1937 married to Sarah Rickett 1860-1938.

Mr. George Patton served on Strange School Board for ever thirty years as Secretary-Treasurer.

When Lucy McCallum lived here the log dwelling was burned down and old timers reported a house had been moved from near Temperanceville, on rollers to its present site, and has been added to since. The original house is of solid plank construction.

Mr. and Mrs. George Patton raised eight children and all received their education at Strange School.

Ethel the oldest daughter still lives at Ayr Ontario, (1966). The late Gladys lived at Kirkland Lake; Till a teacher died in British Columbia while living there. Bertha lives in Toronto, Vera (Mrs. Fred Boys) lives locally; Gertrude lived and died in 1965 at Kirkland Lake. There were two sons Edward and Earl who married two daughters of Garret Blough of Vaughan Township and have lived in Western Canada, Edward died in Edmonton 1965 and Earl formerly of Winnipeg now lives in Edmonton, Alberta.

Gertrude the youngest daughter of a family of seven, remained at home till after her Mother's death, when she sold to Norman and Norma Etheridge (Toronto).

Norman Etheridge a commercial photographer served in second world war 1939-45.

We would like to mention about the four Etheridge boys who have travelled extensively in their early years.

Arthur, an artist, travelled to England and worked there for the B.B.C. part time. He hitchhiked to France, Italy and Spain, living on the Island of Ibeza for several months. He also went to Israel, working on a Kibbutz communal farm and also in the original King Solomon copper mines, returning to England via Greece and Yugo-Slavia.

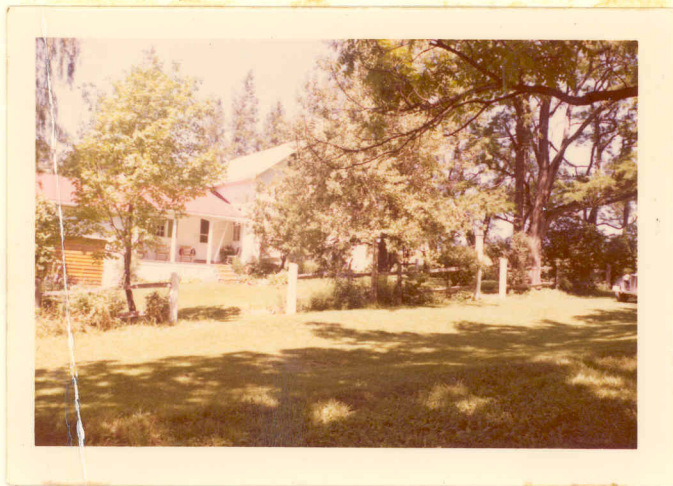
Charles joined the American Air force and eventually went to Japan for two years, where he travelled to Formosa, Thailand, the Phillipine Islands, Wake Island and Korea.

Norman joined the Royal Canadian Navy and was a graduate of the first Venture class at Esquimaalt. He became a naval pilot and has been around the American

Lot 13, 14, 15, Part of Lot 4, Con.6.

Continent on the Bonaventure, South American, West Indies, Norway, Denmark. Edward joined the Dept. of Highway on leaving school and was immediately sent to Morrisburg to work on the St. Lawrence Seaway. He later drove to B.C. and worked as a surveyor on the first trans-Canada Pipeline near Kenora. Later left for a two months walking tour of Ireland and England.

Picture taken by Norman
Etheridge in 1960.



Part of Lot 4, Concession 6 - Mr. & Mrs. Harold Dean.

In 1948 Mr. & Mrs. Harold Dean of Toronto purchased about 5 acres of the Northwest corner of the Reesor subdivision, now known as Part of Lot 4, Concession 6.

In 1949 the Deans built a summer home 24' X24' of log siding. The builder was Mr. Benson, King City. Since then an outdoor swimming pool, change house and carport have been added.

Extensive gardening of vegetables and flowers has been kept up. In keeping with the log siding, the house is furnished likewise. There are a number of articles which belonged to Mrs. Dean's great grandmother, a Mrs. Norman, who lived on Concession 8, King Township. Helen Dean passed on December, 1964.

WEST Half of Lot 4, Concession 5.



On March 23rd, 1920, James T. and Ada Clarkson Hunter and their five children moved to the West Half of Lot 4, Concession 5, King Township, having purchased the farm from John A. Ireland.

Mr. and Mrs. Ireland and daughters Bertha and Margaret to Richmond Hill leaving the farm where he settled with his bride, Elizabeth Malloy in 1890. Three daughters Jean, Bertha and Margaret blessed their marriage.

The legal papers of the property revealed that John Ireland bought the farm from David Archibald. Previously in the eighteen century, Peterman, Hollinshead, Sount and Wolverton were named owners. Lastly Hannah Palmer received the Patent of the 200 acres, the complete lot from the fifth concession to the sixth concession from the Crown in 1802. It is noteworthy that 8% interest on the mortgage appeared twice in the 1805's. The material for the brick house which is still the residence was purchased in 1852 and 1853 from Joseph Baldwin. The present barn was built in 1906. "A newspaper clipping of 1865 describes the farm as follows. The soil is of the best description and in a high state of cultivation, with an excellent orchard. There is a first class brick dwelling house, good buildings and fences on the premises and it is well watered." The Humber river crosses the ^{South} ~~North~~-west corner of the farm.

The farm has borne out the truth of the 1865 description and has and still is producing good crops and livestock. Grain grown has received prizes at Woodbridge Fair and livestock sold at the Toronto Stockyards has been mentioned on the Weekly morning Radio broadcasts.

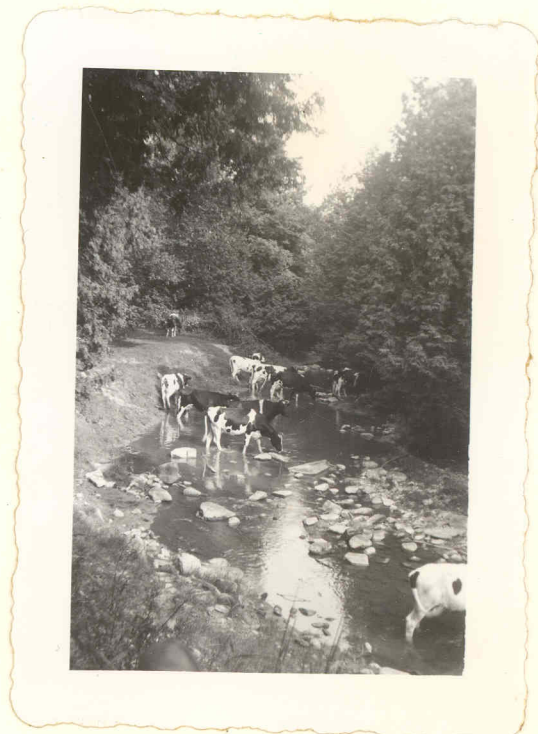
WEST HALF OF LOT 4. CONCESSION 5. Cont'd.

Tax bills show that in 1922 the taxes were \$109.87 and in 1940, \$106.00

In 1951, Son Marvin Hunter and his wife Elsie Elliott Hunter built a two storey stucco house on the north west corner of the farm. Now their two children take a keen interest and delight in helping with the farm activities.

As well as earning a living from the farm, the aim has been, as in most farm homes of the district, to carry the best ancestral traditions into future community and family life.

Besides operating the farm, Marvin Hunter through the years has established his own business of Insurance agency. Marvin was, also, secretary-treasurer of Strange school for a number of years till school area began in 1965. Marvin and Elsie have two children, Beverly & Jummy.



LOT 5, Concession 6.

This farm of 200 acres was first deeded to John McCallum by the Crown. In 1846 it was handed down to his heir and in 1937 Donald McCallum of British Columbia sold his part, the rear 95 acres of Lot 5, Con. 5 to Leonard James Glass. This was in the McCallum name for 90 years.

John McCallum owned east part and Archibald McCallum owned the West part of which Donald was the last heir. The farm was rented to tenants many years before Leonard and Elsie (Scott) Glass moved from lot 6, Con. 6 to Lot 5, Con. 5 in 1951 and remodelled the house; sons, Leslie and Dorothy (Phillips) Glass and family; Raymond and Audrey (Eves) Glass and daughter Edythe and husband, Clyde Cairns and family had lived there for short periods.

Electricity was installed in 1945.

Taxes on the farm in 1960 - 80 acres - \$244.72.

In the early 1950's Leonard Glass subdivided the frontage of Lot 5, on east side on 6th Concession. The first house built by Earle Lowe about 1956 on a 2 acre lot. Now in 1966 there are seven houses on the ten lots.

In 1948 their daughter, Edythe and husband Clyde Cairns built a home on a lot about half way along King sideroad. They had three daughters, Margaret, Linda and Beth.

In 1957 the King Township administration building was erected on King sideroad beside the Cairns lot.

The Dept. of Highway acquired some land on the easterly side for highway 400 about 1945.

THE BLACKSMITH SHOP

"AN OLD LANDMARK"



Mr. Walter Monkman, Sr., The man at the buggy.

The horse and buggy owned by Rev. Robert Brydon, then, the Presbyterian minister, who also took the picture. The Brydon Boys are in the Buggy.

Mr. Joseph O'Brien - the smithy.

This blacksmith shop was located at the southwest corner of the 6th concession, King and King sideroad, at Lot 5, concession 6. Daniel O'Brien, father of Jos. O'Brien (in the Picture), established his business in King Township in 1854, after learning the trade of blacksmith at Pickering, Ontario. By strict attention, added to good workmanship, he built up a large and increasing trade. He was married to a daughter of Joseph Wood, township clerk, and they had nine children. The oldest son, Joseph, carried on the blacksmith shop till about 1935. Joseph's wife was a Brydon and was the first Laskay Institute President, died 1933. Joseph died in 1941 after a few years retirement at his sister's in Aurora. The blacksmith shop was torn down. According to King Township assessment roll, there was an inn at Lot 5, concession 6, One Mr. Garrett Blough was assessed as Innkeeper, in 1859.



Lot 10, Con. 6, Don Barker home



Lot 2, Con.5, West half, Harold Docks, built 1962.



Lot 5, west half, con. 5, A.J.Gordon, built in 1962.

- Lot 6 In September, 1840 Job Wells purchased the 200 acres from a James Case of Whitchurch Township.
- In 1880 at the death of Job Wells, the farms were divided between his two sons, Job, Jr., the east 90 acres and David, the west 85 acres; 25 acres having been sold separately at the east side.
- In 1890 George Lawson purchased the 175 acres and at his death in 1929, the farms passed on to his two sons; John S., the easterly half and Thomas H., the westerly section. At Thomas' death in 1943, the west portion is owned by son, Rergus, and John S. had formerly sold his farm and is now owned by Henry Borden of Toronto.
- Lot 7 In 1860 owned by Benjamin, Peter and Lafayette Carley. A dwelling house, now owned and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Murdock. A Blacksmith shop, where Mr. Daniel O'Brien and his son, Joseph, worked early and late. The sound of the hammer on the anvil was sweeter than the honk of a horn on the motor car. It is said he knew the name of every horse shod by him. A frame and later a brick school were on the north side of the fence, the brick much farther north and east. The farm is now owned by Walter Monkman.
- Lot 8 Owned by David Dexter, who gave the land for the Wesleyan Church and a burying ground at the north east corner. Donald McCallum bought the farm about 1833 or 1834. Our great grandfather, Donald MacCallum, was called Chief MacCallum and had the first Post Office in King Township and was called "King". It was in the south front field on the east side of our farm.
- Donald MacCallum came to Canada in 1821. He lived for a short time in Maple, then bought the farm on the 6th for about \$1,200. The first store at Strange was built just south of the MacMurchy farm gate. Mrs. Hewitt had another store on the MacMurchy farm just north of Bishop's house.
- Lot 9 Was owned by Andrew Burns and family. Dr. Pinkerton, Veterinary, at King was a descendant.

Lot 10 Was owned by Arthie McCallum, who came from Scotland in 1831. There was a log blacksmith shop on the northwest corner of the farm, the last Smithy being Malcolm McMillan. Mr. Forrester is the present owner.

West Side

- Lot 6 The said lot was granted to John McMullan by the Honorable William Allan of Toronto from Canada Company from the Crown, March 4th, 1835.
- In 1837, for the sum of 242(two hundred and forty-two) pounds the said land was deeded to George Simpson.
- In 1860 the farm was deeded to James M. Jenkins. I remember two other houses. One is still there, owned by Mrs. Smith. Mr. Jeffrey was living there during my school days. There were two shops owned and operated by Mr. Carson, a wheelwright; one shop being quite large. The upstairs was used as a paint shop and the downstairs for making wagons, buggies, etc.
- In March, 1905, it was deeded to Daniel Glass, and in February, 1913, deeded to Leonard James Glass; now occupied by his son, Aubrey.
- Lot 7 Owned by Mr. Marsh - lumberman. There were two houses, one in well known, Shingle Valley. Later owned by Charles and Morrison Archibald, then William Baldwin and now Mr. Henderson.
- Lot 8 Owned first by Mr. J. Marsh, then A. Lawrie Gillies, a sturdy Scotchman, and now by Alfred Gillham.
- Lot 8 Owned by James McCallum, who came from Scotland with the early pioneers. He brought up a large family and was never too busy to help a neighbour. There were three houses on the farm, their residence, one in Egypt and one near the Concession. Later Walter Ireland, his wife and family lived on the farm and the present owner is Stanley Kerr.
- Lot 9 A family squatted on the farm when Wells & Machell bought it they had the family evicted. Wells & Machell opened up a good general store. Later Machell moved to Aurora. Wells rented the store, but the tenants didn't stay long, so it was closed for years.

ONE MILE AND A QUARTER NORTH ON CON. 5 (Continued)

Lot 9 In 1885 Alex. MacMurchy bought the farm. There were four houses on it not including the old brick, where his son, Norman now resides. Thomas Gillies bought the store and lot; opened up a general store; ran a dressmaking and millinery business and succeeded in getting a Post Office, "Strange", named for "Dr. Strange", who was the member for North York and should get the credit for the office. The mail came three days a week from King, the courier living in Nobleton. His route was through King Creek across to Laskay, Strange, then to King. Strange was the first served on the return trip. The three day a week was of short duration but a great convenience. In a few years, the route was changed and Nobleton and King Creek were served from Kleinburg, the first mail man being Samuel Carson, grandfather of the famous radio artist, Jack Carson. Mr. Carson lived almost across the road from S.S. No. 4. His route was Strange, Laskay and King and remained that way until the Rural Route System was established and the community was and is served from King Post Office, in 1949.

Names of different people who operated the Post Office were -- Mowat, Gillies, Chandler, Brown, and last was Mr. Robert Rutherford. The old store was burned and Mr. Rutherford built a new house and store; the store being closed, when Mrs. Rutherford passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Bullock are the present owners of the house, 1949.

Lot 10 Owned by Mr. Morton, farmer and weaver. He gave the land for the Presbyterian Church and Cemetery. The Stone church was built in 1960. Dr. Carmichael came to preach in this church in 1960 and preached for 50 years in this same church. He baptized, married and buried many people during his ministry. He is buried in the cemetery just south of the church beside his wife and sons, Professor Norman and Dr. Fergus Carmichael, both of whom preceded him. The farm on which the church stands was later owned by A. J. McCallum, a staunch Presbyterian, who brought up his family of seven in the Presbyterian faith. They were all faithful church workers. The present owner is Mr. Leatherdale.

Mrs. Alex MacMurchy.

Lot 6. Concession 6. King Township

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The Jenkins farm was sold to Daniel Glass in 1905, who was born in Nova Scotia, and later in 1913 deeded to Leonard Glass, youngest son of the Glass family. Daniel Glass died in 1912. His wife, Elizabeth Lockwood came from Suffolk county, England at the age of one, lived for a time in Toronto, was three years old when Old Trinity Church, Toronto was built across the street from where she lived. Mrs. Daniel Glass was named Kings Grand old lady, having acquired the age of 97 years. She was well known for her fine needlework, still doing it at the age of 95, and was the Mother of nine children. Mrs. Glass died in 1939, and her one daughter Mrs. Chas. Neill (Olive Glass) at the age of 92 is the last surviving member of her family in 1966.

Leonard Glass bought another 90 acres, lot 5, west half of Con. 5, in 1936. Leonard and Elsie (Scott) Glass were parents of one daughter, Edythe, and three sons; *LeRoy, Raymond & Aubrey (Bob)* Aubrey and Joyce (Marwood) Glass who live on the home farm, lot 6, operate the two farms and have a son, John and daughter, Mary.

In the year 1926 Leonard Glass built a red brick house to replace the log house. Mixed farming has been the general practice. There is some bush and a lake.

On the northeast corner of the farm a lot had been sold off, and in York county history it states that a Francis Attridge, established a carriage making business in 1883 where buggies and wagons were made downstairs and a paint shop upstairs. Other family names known to have lived there were Sam Carson; Alfred O'Dell and family who later lived at Priceville. Mr. O'Dell lived to be over 90 years, died early 1966. Mrs. O'Dell was Strange school caretaker for a number of years. Mark Allan of Laskay lived there, Jack Smith and family came early in 1940 and Mrs. Smith sold to Don Hutchinson in 1962 and now lives at Lot 3, Con. 7. Don Hutchinson made alterations to the house and sold in 1966 to John Manson, School Teacher, *Township.* ~~North York.~~ The Hutchinsons were owners of King City Hardware and moved to Tilbury, South-western, Ontario.

LOT 6, CONCESSION 5, King Township.

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THE crown deed for 106, con. 5, King Township was patented March 12, 1797 to Edward Wright, consisting of 200 acres. In 1804 owner became Cartwright. In 1815 Mary Dobbs, followed by James case of Whitchurch township who sold the 200 acres to Job Wells in 1840. At death of Job Wells in 1880 the 200 acres was divided between his two sons, Bob, Jr. receiving the East 90 acres and David the west 85 acres as Robt. Pease had purchased 25 acres at the 5th con. corner and later owned by David Deather Co., later of Newmarket. In later years property was bought back by one of the Davis family and called memory acres.



In the year 1890 the farms changed hands again to George Lawson, who purchased the 175 acres for \$14,000.00 and at his death in 1929 the farms passed on to his two sons, John the easterly portion and Thomas the westerly 98 acres. At Thomas' death his farm was handed down to his only son George Fergus. Thus the westerly portion has been in the Lawson name from 1890 till now 1966.

George Lawson 1847-1929 was born in Richmond Hill, came to King Township in his early years to lot 10, near Con. 6 with his parents Thos. Lawson, 1821-1889, and Janet 1827-1863.

Janet Manderson 1844-1925, born in Kelso Scotland, came to Canada at age of 4 with her parents John and Isabel Manderson. The trip was made in a sailing vessel. The family first settled in King Township later to Reach Township.

George Lawsons' retired to village life in King City in 1911..

Their family - Isabella married John L. Ferguson)
John " Hannah Forsyth)
Thomas " Ada J. Ferguson (All born at Lot 10, rear
Elizabeth " Ernest D. Glass | Concesion 6.

Thomas' family born here - Velma married Howard Neill

Adella " Pearson Smeltser
Fergus