

Temperanceville Store

There have been two buildings on the store site, the lot just west of the Presbyterian Church one. The first store was a frame building, once owned and operated by a Mr. Bruce who sold it to David Johnston about 1873. (This Mr. Johnston had four children by his first wife who died when Janet and Agnes, the youngest were small. He married Janet Rannie, a sister of Mrs. James Stewart in 1860). When David Johnston moved from Kinghorn to the store, his wife and two daughters helped in the store. (The daughters later married and lived at Temperanceville). After he sold the store in 1885 the family moved to Aurora.

There may have been other owners between Mr. Johnston and Mel Nelson who owned it at the time it was destroyed by fire soon after the turn of the century.

The second store was built by Harry Teasdale and was of buck construction. He operated it till 1905 when he sold it to Thomas Legge. Milton Legge operated the store for a few years for his father before taking the business over for himself. He and his wife Jennie (the former Magdalen Jane Parton whom he married on March 27, 1907) operated the business till he sold it to Parker Smith of White Rose and he took over on April 1, 1920. Mr. Smith, incidentally, had thought Milt's job of delivering groceries etc. looked easier than farming, so decided to try it but he soon changed his mind.

Mr. Smith sold the business to a Winona couple, Mr. & Mrs. John Cullingham who took over on March 1, 1921 and Mr. Smith returned to farming.

Later the Cullinghams sold to Mr. S. Hare who carried the business on with his son, Fred, helping him. After he retired, Fred carried on till he closed it in 1967. The building was torn down in 1971 for highway construction.

Reminiscences on Life at Temperanceville Store in the Period of 1912 to 1920.

The sign over the store verandah in World War I years read, "E. M. Legge, General Merchant, Temperanceville". Truly it was a general store, a department store in miniature. On the west side there were groceries mainly and dry goods on the east. But there were places in the store and storerooms for hardware, paints, and wall paper, boots and shoes, men's work clothes, gardens and small farm tools, linoleum, seeds (including clover etc.), coal oil and gasoline, stove pipes and fencing, and many other things including fruits in season for which orders for quantities were taken. At Christmas time there was room made for a special section for toys, dishes, games, and other gift items and also special candies, fruits, and nuts. The store was always crowded but at Christmas time there was hardly room to move around. At no time could all these types of merchandise be accommodated in the store or storeroom behind it. Bulky hardware was kept in one room over the house. Another room was equipped as a display room for the wallpaper. Oil and gasoline were kept in a shed at the barn until a coal oil tank was installed in the basement and a gasoline tank in a small addition at the end of the verandah.

In those days the store was illuminated by coal oil lamps and then a Coleman lamp. The only heat came from a coal feeder (with mica windows). Since it was in the centre of the store, it was quite cold behind the counters and in the storeroom. Perishable things, such as eggs, which were kept in the storeroom were carried to the kitchen on very cold nights.

The store hours were from about seven in the morning in summer (or maybe about eight

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in the winter) till 10:30 or 11:00 at night. Around Christmas time it was open even later. On December 24, it couldn't be closed till after the last minute purchases were made - maybe at midnight. When early closing at 6:30 or 7:00. was tried near the end of World War I, the customers didn't like it so the only way to carry it out was lock up and go away at once.

The men, especially the younger ones, used the store as a meeting place every night. In the summer they sat on the veranda but the rest of the year they gathered in the store which was like a social centre. Euchre games were the favourite pastime. Anyone who could play a mouth organ was a favourite. Those in the house could identify the men present by the laughter etc. Because of these gatherings, early closing hours were unpopular.

Those were not "Cash and Carry" days as in the Super Markets of to-day. Much purchasing was still done by trade and some barter, especially with butter and eggs. Many families "ran a bill", paying periodically. Orders for merchandise were taken by phone as much as possible but Milt obtained many by calling along the routes.

Milt delivered with a covered van drawn by a horse or with a sleigh in winter. In 1917 he bought a second-hand Model T Ford which wouldn't carry as much as the van but he could make two trips instead. He still had to use the horse and sleigh in winter. He had regular routes to cover. They were;

Tuesday - across to Concession 3, up to Eversley, down to the townline, across it, and up the second. (This was where so much butter and eggs were taken in trade.)

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Wednesdays - A few deliveries were made around Oak Ridges and orders taken for Thursday and Friday deliveries.

Thursdays - Deliveries were made out to and around Lake Wilcox, and up as far as White Rose church.

Fridays - The route was along Yonge St. to Bond Lake, up to C.F.R.B. sideroad, across and down Concession 2 of King.

Saturdays - Extra deliveries were made around Schomberg Junction and in summer around Lake Wilcox.

Elsie remembers accompanying her father around Lake Wilcox the last summer he used the van so she could stay on it while he and his helper made deliveries to the camps and cottages thus preventing pilfering of fresh fruits and other extra articles he carried. After the car was used, she used to help by taking the extra fruit, bread, butter, etc. which the summer people found they needed when the orders were delivered. On the Tuesday route she used to go along to pack the eggs ^{in crates} and open and shut gates to save time. She was very happy with an ice cream cone as a reward (on the lake route).

On the way back from delivering around Yonge Street or the lakes, Melt used to pick up his freight, brought from Toronto by the Metropolitan Radial to either the shed by the main track (at the corner by the hotel barn) or the one by the Schomberg Junction radial station. (Most of the merchandise came by radial but some came by train to King station.)

Bread was delivered to the store on Monday and Thursday evenings by Stone's Bakery at King.

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On Thursdays in order to get the bread to put in the orders, a trip had to be made to the bake shop just after noon usually. For those customers who preferred Aurora bread, Scanlon's Bakery delivered bread to Malloy's hotel at Oak Ridges about twice a week and Milt picked it up there.

Early Phones

The first King telephone lines were one between Thomas Legge's farm home and the store and the other between the blacksmith shop and the owner's home on the second (the second house on the east side south of the corner). The switchboard was in the store. As time went on these lines became a part of the King Telephone Company's system. The store was then on a party line serving the second mostly. Number 3303 was the one for the store. Every one on the line recognized Milt's and Jennie's rings and many made a practice of listening in to see if they could find out what prices were quoted, especially on butter and eggs. So there was much rivalry over them.

At one time the store was the only place around there on the Bell line also. The people on either line sometimes requested those at the store to relay messages from one line to the other.

Temperanceville Post Office

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The Post Office was located in the general store. It was established there early in the 1870's with Mr. Bruce being the first post master and Mr. David Johnston the second. The various owners of the store business were post masters until the office was closed when rural mail delivery became general throughout the region.

At one time Leonard Legge, eldest son of James Legge of Temperanceville, carried the mail between Temperanceville and King City post offices each day. When rural mail delivery began, Temperanceville mail was brought by Mr. Andy Cadden who lived on the Townline south of King Station. Mr. Cadden's greeting was much the same for everyone, "How are you, Chawlie?" He gave up when unable to stand the trip.

The mail on R.R. 3, King City was taken over ^{from him} shortly after the end of World War I by Mr. Frank Gambrell of King City who carried it for many years ^{even} after the two post offices on the route, Temperanceville and Everiley, were closed because they were no longer needed.

The Thomas Legge Family

Thomas Hubert Legge was the son of Thomas Legge of Oak Ridges. He was born July 17, 1861. On December 5, 1883 he married Jane Stephenson who was born in Pickering Township on January 9, 1861. She was the daughter of Benjamin Stephenson and Jane Gibson who were married in England, settled in Pickering and later moved to Oak Ridges.

Thomas and his wife lived on the farm known as Lot 64 of Concession 1 in King Township. There they raised their family of eleven sons and two daughters. (Two other daughters died in infancy, one at birth and one at the age of three months.)

Their Family

<u>Ellsworth Milton</u>	born August 26, 1884	died June 22, 1935
<u>Lambert Leslie</u>	born April 8, 1886	died April 1962
<u>Everett Herman</u>	born September 13, 1887	
<u>Walter Roy</u>	born April 13, 1889	
<u>Cora May</u>	born May 17, 1891	
<u>Herbert Oliver</u>	born Sept. 9, 1894	died June 19, 1946
<u>Mabel Ina</u>	} Twins	born Oct. 1, 1895
<u>Amos Ivan</u>		died Oct. 2, 1918
<u>Alfred Ray</u>	born Oct. 1, 1895	died Dec. 31, 1965
<u>Philip Sydney</u>	born July 17, 1897	died Feb. 14, 1970
<u>Jennie Irene</u>	born Aug. 25, 1898	
<u>Thomas Benjamin</u>	born June 16, 1900	died Sept. 1900
<u>Norris Randolph</u>	born Sept. 9, 1901	
<u>Norman Russell</u>	} Twins	born Dec. 8, 1909
		died Mar. 14, 1971
	born Dec. 8, 1909	died Feb. 1921

Thomas (Tom) Legge and his wife Jane (Jennie) lived on the farm till March 1, 1920. when they moved to Aurora. After a lingering illness, she died there on November 15, 1930. A few years later Tom sold his home and went to live with his son, Syd, in Newmarket. He was in failing health for many months before his death on October 8, 1951. He was survived by eight sons, one daughter, and thirty-five grandchildren.

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Thomas Legge was active in municipal councils in both the Township of King and Town of Aurora, rising to the reeveship of each one. While holding that office in Aurora, he served on York County Council with his eldest son, Milt, who was Reeve of King Township and who was elected Warden of York County in 1932. After leaving the farm, Tom Legge sold general insurance for many years.

Mrs. Legge was a very hard worker, caring for her large family and doing all the regular farm work without the use of any of the modern conveniences. She had a regular routine to accomplish everything. For example, she would be up at four or five on Monday mornings to do the main washing. On Fridays she baked forty pies on the average and usually twelve to fifteen on Tuesdays. She made her own butter and also their bread in the early days. She made most of their clothes too.

Christmas Day was a big event in the lives of Tom Legge's family because most of them would be together at home. There were so many that usually, Norris, Norman, and Milt's daughter, Elsie, had to wait for their dinner till the second setting at the big kitchen table - once even till the third setting. But there was always lots of food for everyone. The wonder is how one woman managed to cope with such large gatherings.

Even after moving to Aurora, Mrs. Legge was always prepared for a lot of visitors on Sundays as long as her health permitted and she was quite disappointed if at least one of the families didn't stay for supper.

(In the summer of 1891, when Cora was a baby, the farm home burned down. The house now on the farm (1971) was built that summer and fall.)

The Descendants of Thomas and Jane Legge.

- ① Ellsworth Milton (Milt) married Magdlin Jane (Jennie) Paxton, daughter of William and Alison Paxton on March 27, 1907. They had two daughters, ^①Elsie Irene, born August 3, 1908 and ^②Norma Jean, born November 23, 1918. Both are living in Aurora and are unmarried.
- ② Lambert Leslie worked with Milt in the store for five years and then went to Campbellville to work in a store. He married Rebecca (Reba) Heir of that place on September 11, 1920. They lived in Toronto where he was an insurance salesman. She died in November 1955 and he on April 17, 1962. They had three children:
 - ④ Murray, who is married, has three children, and lives at Whitvale in Pickering Township.
 - ⑤ Fern, married Douglas Adams, a lawyer in Washington, D.C. They live in Burke, Pennsylvania and have five children.
 - ⑥ Barbara married Vugh Miller, M.D. They lived in Knowlton, Quebec but recently moved to Burlington, Ont. They have two boys.
- ③ Everett Sherman, married Lizzie Copeland of Temperanceville on January 9, 1913. They lived on his wheat farm near Hillmar, in the Arcola district of Saskatchewan. They retired to Hillmar and later moved to Arcola. They have a son and a daughter. (They still live in Arcola.)
 - (a) Wreatha married Gordon Boaks of Aurora and they live there. They have three sons and two daughters, Donna, Ronnie, Lyn, Barbara & Ross.
 - (b) Keith married Mary Linton of Arcola district and they live on his father's farm. They have three sons and a daughter - Brian, Bill, Murray, and Susan.

Descendants of Thomas and Jane Legge

- ④ Haller Roy married Mina Jarvis of Kettleby on Oct. 11, 1913. (She once taught in the Temperanceville school and boarded at Will Wells' home.) They lived in Toronto where he was a tea salesman and was in real estate in later years. They have three children.
- (a) Bruce, is a lawyer in Toronto. He married Laura Downie, also a lawyer. He is an official of the Workmen's Compensation Board and Brigadier-General of the reserve army in Toronto. They have two sons, John and Bruce, and a daughter Elizabeth.
- (b) Helen married Tobie Snowden, a farmer at Nanticoke, near Jarvis, Ont. She was a teacher. They have three children, Mark, Ruth, and Jennifer also two adopted ones, Debbie and Paul.
- (c) Garth, a doctor of theology, served as ^{united church} a pastor in Northern Ontario and Quebec before going to Zambia as a missionary for five years. He is now with the World Missions of the United Church of Canada. He married Joyce McGammon of Toronto. They have a son, Murray, and daughters, Marilyn and Valerie. They now live in Toronto.
- ⑤ Cora May was married on June 26, 1912 to William David Paxton, a brother of Mrs. Milton Legge. They lived in New Liskha and till he bought a jewellery and watchmaker's business in Woodstock, Ont. in 1913 and they moved there. Later he sold the jewellery business but he continued to do watch and clock repairs till his death in July 1962. She still lives there. They had three daughters.
- (a) Frances May, born May 23, 1913, is unmarried, lives at home, and is a personnel and accounting clerk.
- (b) Jennie Irene (Jean) born April 19, 1915, married Laurie Gardiner. They had a son, Robert, and daughter, Lynne. (Laurie died in 1968). They live in Woodstock.
- (c) Shirley Elizabeth, born Nov. 3, 1928, is unmarried, lives at ^{home} and is a private secretary.

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⑥ Nerbert Oliver, married Laura Wade, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. John Wade of Concession 3, King on April 2, 1913. They had two children.

(a) Rheva, born Nov. 27, 1913, was unmarried and worked as a saleslady in a department store in Toronto. She died March 16, 1967.

(b) Jack, born in 1919, is married, lives in Toronto, but has no family. He worked at a service station. Ollie Legge bought the old Presbyterian Church at Temperanceville and converted it into a house. He lived there for a few years before moving to Newmarket. For many years he worked on the Metropolitan Radial milk car which ran from Sutton to Toronto. When the Metropolitan was taken over by the Toronto Street Railway (now the T.T.C.) he moved to Toronto and worked for that company as a conductor till his health failed. He died June 19, 1946.

⑦ Mabel Ina, twin of Amos Ivan, was born Oct. 1, 1895. She married Harry Morton of Temperanceville on June 30, 1917. They lived in the house across from the United Church (on the south-east corner). They had one daughter, Mabel Ina, born on her mother's birthday, Oct. 1, 1918. Ina was the first in the area to have what was later diagnosed as "The Flu" and which reached epidemic proportions later that fall. Ina died the next morning, Oct. 2.

The baby girl, named for her mother, lived with her paternal grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Morton who later moved to Stauffville. Mabel grew up in Gore Bay and Toronto. She worked in Ottawa and served in the Canadian Women's Army Corps overseas. She married Alistair Crandall of Ottawa but has no children. They live in Pulaski, N.Y.

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⑧ Amos Ivan, twin of Mabel Ina, as a young man went to south-east Saskatchewan, not far from his brother Everett. He married Eva Young on Sept. 15, 1915. He came east for Ina's funeral and decided to move his family to Temperanceville which he did later that fall. They lived in Ollie's house from late 1918 till March 1920. Their third daughter, Doris, was born there on Nov. 21, 1919.

They moved to Amelius Jarvis' farm near Aurora. Ivan worked there till 1921, then moved his family back to Saskatchewan. They lived at Paddockwood, north of Prince Albert. There his wife died when the youngest children were quite small.

Their family was Evelyn, Lois, Doris, Murray, Muriel and Reta. They are all married and live in Saskatchewan.

Ivan married a second time but they soon separated. He made his home the last few years with a daughter in Canwood, Sask. He died Dec. 31, 1965.

⑨ Wilfred Ray, served overseas in World War I. He married Irene Thompson, the eldest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Fletch Thompson of Oak Ridges, in 1920. They lived in Toronto where they raised two sons and three daughters. He was a tea salesman and later worked for one of the large dairies there. She died in January 1956. In the late 1960's he married a widow. He died Feb. 14, 1970.

Their family was

(a) Ross, born in May 1923, farms at Norwood, east of Peterborough. He is married and has three adopted children, Steve, Jack, and Debbie.

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(9) Kilfred Ray - His family.

- (B) Doreen, a twin, married Ted Lillyman, and has one son. She is an office manager. They live in Toronto.
- (C) Donald, Doreen's twin, is married, lives in Toronto, but has no family. He is an efficiency expert.
- (D) Edna married Frank Hennings, has three children and lives in Toronto.
- (E) Joan, married Roy Thompson, has four children, and lives in Toronto.

(10) Philip Sydney, married Ina Monkman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Monkman of Oak Ridges on Dec. 7, 1921. They lived at Temperanceville a short time before moving to Newmarket where they raised their three children. Ina died in December 1969. Their family was, -

- (a) Norman who is married, lives in Newmarket, and is associated with his father in the insurance business. They have a son, Randy, who is married and has a son, and their daughter, Stacey is also married and has a daughter.
- (B) Beth married Dr. Jos. Kaniff of the Holland Marsh. They live in Delhi and have three children, Joanne, Robert, and Kathy.
- (C) Harry is married, has one son, Wayne, lives in Newmarket, and owns the T.H. Legge trucking business in Newmarket.

(11) Jennie Irene; born on June 16, 1900, died in September of that year.

Descendants of Thomas & Jane Legge

- ⑫ Thomas Benjamin, married Annie Travis of Newmarket. They have three children.
- (a) Ruth - married and lives in Toronto
 - (B) Leota - married and lives in Holland Landing.
 - (c) Larry - married but separated - address not known.
(That families they have is not known.)
- ⑬ Norman Russel, the twin of Norris, developed diphtheria and died on February 3, 1921 at the family home in Aurora.
- ⑭ Norris Randolph, Norman's twin, graduated from Ontario College of Pharmacy and went to Windsor to work for a drug firm there. He married Gladys Shelton of Lefroy. They had two children. Norris died on March 14, 1971 in Windsor. Their family was
- (a) Barbara, a registered nurse in Windsor, is unmarried.
 - (B) Michael, married, has two children and is a policeman in London, Ont.

Notes

It is worthy of note that two of Tom Legge's sons followed in his footsteps and were very active in municipal councils.

Thomas Legge was a member, for many years, in the councils of both King Township and the Town of Aurora, rising to the reeveship in each one.

Milton, the eldest son, first was elected to King Township Council in 1920 and rose to be reeve of it. In 1932, he was Warden of York County. (His father was a member of York County Council at that time.)

Syd rose to the reeveship in Whitchurch Township Council and to the same position in Newmarket Council. While reeve of the latter, he was elected Warden of York County in 1965.

The Thomas Legge Family.

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It is hardly likely that any other family in Ontario can say that three members of it have held the reeveships of four neighbouring municipalities at various times.

Tom - the father in King, then Aurora.

Milt - in King (same time as Tom was in Aurora)

Syd - in Whitchurch and then Newmarket.

Even less likely would it be for a family to be able to say two of those members were Wardens of the one county or that the father served in the county council at the time when his son presided over that body.

Syd Legge

Syd Legge is well known throughout the Region of York (as York County is now called) not for his council work only but as a general insurance agent. He took over his father's agency, expanded it, and took his son, Norman, into the business with him. So the P.S. Legge and Son agency is a very busy one in the area.

Milton Legge

Milt Legge was also well known for other reasons. He became known, first as the general store keeper who served the area from the third of King to the third of Whitchurch and from the townline to the C.F.R.B. sideroad in King and to White Rose church in Whitchurch in the days when the closest stores were in King City or Aurora with none around Oak Ridges or Lake Wilcox. He delivered over all that territory - all year around. He was in the store business from 1905 to 1920.

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Milton was known over a much wider territory as a commercial traveller selling groceries first for Eby-Blain Ltd. starting in 1921 and then for National Grocers Company when the former company joined with some others to form the latter one. His territory covered most of the northern part of York County, most of South Simcoe, and a small section in eastern Peel and Dufferin Counties. Ill health forced him to give up in September 1946. He died on June 22, 1950 in King City, having spent his whole life as a resident of King Township.

Other Relatives

Some relatives of Thomas Legge, who lived in the Temperanceville area were the James (Jim) Legge family who lived on the first farm east of Temperanceville corner on the south side.

Jim Legge married Polly Dibb. They had three sons, Leonard, William and Reuben. The last two were not married but Leonard married a cousin, May Legge. (Len was the one who carried the mail between the post offices at Temperanceville and King City previous to the coming of rural mail delivery.)

Will was deceased a long time ago. Len and Rube moved to Aurora where both died. Len's wife is in a Newmarket nursing home.

Mrs. Thomas Baynon (mother of Maurice and Elda) was a sister of Jim Legge.



TEMPERANCE HALL.

These pictures were taken in 1964 just before it was taken down.

The hall when erected stood on the West side of the road. In 1885 it was purchased by the Trustees of the Methodist Church and moved over and placed adjoining the church, where it was used for Sunday School, tea meetings and other week night activities, as well as Temperance meetings when there were such A tea party was held annually.

When the old church was torn down to give place to the new in 1897, the Hall was purchased by Mr. T. H. Legge and moved to its present site. For some years it continued to be used as a Temperance Hall, later the Chosen Friends, and other organizations using it as their meeting place. Many school Xmas concerts were held there. For some years it was used for a dwelling place. The James Lloyd family lived there for many years before moving to Aurora/.

Once again the stewards of the United Church bought the property and removed the building. in 1964 (April)

Grandson Performs Ceremony**Baptismal Font Was Dedicated
To Walter Bovairs' Memory**

An impressive dedication service was held November 13, at Temperanceville Church when a baptismal font was dedicated in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bovair by their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Jennings and family.

Ewart Jennings, a member of the fifth generation to live at Highview Farms, made the dedication on behalf of the

family, with Rev. Garnet Lynd, Port Credit, officiating. Mr. Jennings spoke of the fact that his grandmother had been born on the Highview Farm, where she and her husband lived after their marriage.

They were members of Temperanceville church where Mrs. Bovair was made a life member of Temperanceville W.A. She was president for thirteen years. Mr. Bovair was an honorary elder. Fond memories of his grandparents and pleasant reminiscences of his youth as a member of the household where they all resided, were recalled by Mr. Jennings. In closing, he read a beautiful verse in memory of these fine Christian people whose memory will always be cherished by those who knew them so well in Temperanceville.

Rev. Victor Wood conducted the evening service with Rev. Garnet Lynd as guest preacher, who also conducted the dedication service.

To make way for widening King Side- (which was done in the summer of 1971) to a four lane highway a number of buildings were taken down.

In Aug. 1970 the house on the South-East corner, Lot 5, Rear Concession 2. King Township, formerly owned by Mr Thos. Robinson.

In Oct. 1970 the house on the South-west corner, Lot 5, Concession 2. King Township, formerly owned by Mr. Joseph Bishop.

In Feb. 8th, 1853 this piece of land was deeded by Henry Stewart to the Presbyterian Church and used for worship for 53 years. Rev. Walter Amos of Aurora ministered here for thirty-three years. His resignation took place on May 7th, 1912. In July of the same year services were discontinued.

In July 1971 the old blacksmith shop which also has been used as a garage, and a grist mill by James Paxton.

In July the General Store which was situated just west of the Presbyterian Church. This was a large building with living quarters to the South. The store closed in July 1967. Mr. Fred Hare made it into an office, where he carried on his Insurance Business.

In Aug. 1971 The Stewart Paxton's house (opposite the store) was moved back a ways and a little to the East.

District's Oldest Resident, Walter Bovair, Died Sunday

One of the district's oldest residents, if not the oldest, passed on Sunday night with the death of popular and highly-respected Walter Bovair at the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Jennings, 27 Mark Street, Aurora.

Born on April 19, 1861, on the 3rd concession of King Township, where Eaton Hall Farm is now located, Mr. Bovair had spent all his life in the district, all but two years of it after his marriage being on the farm. During those two years he lived and worked in Aurora.

The farm on which he was born was in the Bovair family for 100 years.

He married Annie Elizabeth Todd, in 1890, who pre-deceased him in 1952. Their only child is now Mrs. Ray Jennings. There are three grandchildren, Ewart, who is on the farm; Emerson, who is with the Department of

Agriculture at Essex, Ont., and Betty, Mrs. Michael van Nosttrand, at Vandorf. As well there are four great-grand-children. One brother, Henry, of Harris, Sask., survives.

During his long and useful life Mr. Bovair took a keen interest in church and community affairs. He was an honorary elder of Temperanceville United Church, and was a school trustee for many years.

Taking a natural and exceptionally keen interest in agricultural affairs, Mr. Bovair used to show Percherons and acted many times as a judge at shows. A great lover of horses, he was an honorary director of the Aurora Agricultural Society, and an honorary director of the King and Vaughan Plowmen's Association.

Mr. Bovair was very keen and mentally alert until a very short time before his death, and had actually planned on going away on the day that he was taken ill two weeks ago.

One of the highlights of his later years was when he was chosen as the subject of a radio broadcast, "Patriarchs and Papers," early in 1952. His long and honourable career was described over the air in a script which referred also to the Aurora Banner, itself just a few months older than Mr. Bovair.

His kindly nature and sincerity will be long remembered in the district which he called home for the greater part of a century. The Aurora Banner, in common with all other citizens, extends its condolences to the family of a man who represented all that was best in the community.



Back row.

Nora Beynon. Viola Thompson. Dorothy Paxton. Ada Lefroy. Margout Bond. Ruth Oram Evelyn Clark

Armin Barker. Grace Rumble. Ruth Jennings. Dorothy Cullingham. Meta Lloyd.

Middle Row.

Herbert Lefroy. Charlie Lloyd. Margout Lefroy. Rowena Elliott. Helen Paxton. Merle Bonnick. Linda Moxham

Marion Cullingham. Nettie Moxham. Eliza Barker. Isabel Paxton. Gertrude Lloyd. George Lloyd. Norman Moxham

Front Row -

Everett Phillips. Chas. Bonnick. Arthur Clark. Herbert Jennings. Donald Paxton. Aubrey Lloyd. Leonard Hamer

Eddie Paxton. William Barker. Clifford Rumble. Harry Rumble.

Evelyn Bovair (Teacher)

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