



The Wade Family

Philip

1835

Mary

Of Sussex England

Mary Ann John Dianna Philip George William Frances James

Sara Hoover

John Kate Ann William Sara Sadie Philip Frances

Eliza
Moody

John
Fry

Arthur
Lane

Hall

Frank
Moody

Hannah
Wattlake

George
Stewart

Ethel
|
William
Cannison

Florence
|
Scott
Bovair

John Aubrey
|

Grace
Chandler

Laura
|
Oliver
Legge

Norman

Linda Sandra

Betty Saigle

1967

THE WINTER FARM

Lot #3, In 4th Concession, Township of King

200 Acres

I have been told that the above lot was the one selected as the "Clergy Reserve" for the Anglican Church at King. It apparently was one among a number of similar purposes, but in some way or other, the responsible Officials failed to obtain the signature of the Governor of Upper Canada before his departure for England, and before anything further could be done, so great an opposition towards these grants arose that no Government had the courage to try to put them through. Some years ago when the Writer was a member of the Ontario Civil Service, Veterans Land Grants Department, Lands Forests and Mines. I made it my business to search "DOOMSDAY" in which all Crown Deeds are recorded. This Lot was granted to Neil Wilkie in the year 1801. Some years later he disposed of the east half of the lot (shown on sketch) On part of this half, the plan of part of the Village of King was Registered by Dr. James Beatty, in the year 1852. Eventually the 3 part lots were sold to individual buyers. At one time Lot 3 had a mortgage for \$1000.00 placed upon it. This mortgage was defaulted, the Lot passed into "The Court Of Chancery" and sold to the highest bidder. The Mortgagee, in giving title to the new owner had to secure, along with his own and family, that of sons-in-law, as well as, daughters-in-law, twenty-three signatures in all.

My Father, having bought the remaining 54 and $\frac{1}{2}$ acres of the Lot, in the year 1867. He, at that time, and up until 1872, resided with his 3 brothers on the east half of Lot 5 in the 4th Concession, which they owned. Sometime between 1867 and 1872 the Northern and Northwestern Railway closed North Street on their western boundary. They put on gates and locked them. This would compel my Father, in his journey to his New Farm, to use the first street north of North Street, which ran west from Keele St. along the north side of the Station Agents' house, to a junction with West Street then south to North Street. My Father, in order to pass in the usual way, cut the gate down the centre, and passed through. A few days later a new gate was on and locked. This time he cut the gate posts off level with the ground. And that was that! From that day to the present hour, no attempt has ever been made to close the right of way. The incident shows what a man of courage can do in defence of his rights in face of a powerful company.

In 1907, my Father set aside a lot on which to build a home for his retirement from the farm, but before this was completed he passed on, leaving this home and the income from the farm to my Mother for life.

My Mother died in 1921, leaving her estate to my sister Margaret.

The time had come when my two brothers and I had to prepare to carry out the terms of my Father's will. We found that an error had occurred in the will respecting the House and Lot, which would result so that the road to the farm would be cut off, to remedy this, we thought it best to give my sister a deed for the property, clearing the road to the farm, but reserving a right of way over it for her property. I prepared a Deed for the same and sent it to the Registry office, in 10 days it was returned to me, stating that it could not be registered as the house appeared to be on a street allowance. A sketch was enclosed marking the street, and upon measurement, it was found that the house was right on Winter Street.

This state of affairs was caused by the fact that when a Village Plan is registered the ownership of the streets are invested in the of the township in which the village is situated and do not become the property of the village until such time as it is incorporated. Negotiations were opened with the officials of the township council, These negotiations extended over a period of two and one half years, before satisfactory terms were arranged for the closing of Summer Street, Winter Street, North Street, Union Street, and South Street, on the twenty-third of December 1923.

A Deed, by the Corporation of the Township of King, was granted to the Executors of the Estate of Thomas Winter, thus investing the ownership of the named streets in the above named estate, and from that date we are outside the Village of King.

As we close, we leave to the hand of time, the recording of the history yet to be. We have with us ⁱⁿ our declining years the memory of those semi-pioneer days, with their mud roads and well-worn paths, no sidewalks of any kind, youth did not need them. We would not wish for a return of these conditions again unless accompanied by youth.

King, Ontario

R.T.Winter

September 30, 1952

