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## Mount Melic.

Mount Melic situated west of the fifth concession of King, ~~was~~ on the Aurora side road. There were several families whose names were Mounts who owned farms and the pond on the side road. They named in Mount Melic. There used to be a saw mill situated by the pond on the north side of the road. They employed about one hundred men at that time. Henry Marsh was the man who owned the saw mill, and a Mrs Gidney looked after the boarding house for the men who worked at the mill. When the mill closed down Mount Melic was a very quiet place. The Toronto to Barrie Highway goes through that land to-day. Mr. Marsh lived on a farm on lot 19, fifth concession of King. It was later owned by John Anning. Its present owner is Mr. Glen Asten. Henry Marsh had a team of horses that always travelled very fast, and when turning the corner at such a speed used to lie down in the bottom of the wagon to keep from falling out. At the end of his lane he built an old shed to run the horse into, when he got home to stop them they were going so fast.

In 1926 Sidney McLaughlin was drowned in the pond. He was drowned on a Sunday morning and his body was not located till the following Tuesday. He was the son of Mr & Mrs James McLaughlin. The former was a blacksmith.