

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 eighteenth 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 <sup>South</sup> ~~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 Dooks, built 1962.



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

ONE MILE AND A QUARTER NORTH ON CON. 5.

- 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 McMillan 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 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 1860. Dr. Carmichael came to preach in this church in 1860 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

Lot 6, Concession 6, A Crown deed was granted to John McMullan by the Honourable Wm. Allen of Toronto from the Canada Co. 1835. In 1837 for the sum of Two Hundred and forty-two pounds the said land was deeded to George Simpson.

In 1860 the farm was deeded to Wm. Jenkins, born in New York State, came to Canada in 1857, son of the late Rev. Wm. Jenkins. Rev. Jenkins was recorded as being the first ordained preacher in York County. Brother James Jenkins served in King Township as clerk for over thirty years. Benjamin, another brother invented the cow catchers on the front of the trolley cars and trains, and they are still being used.

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; <sup>Lesley, Raymond + Aubrey (Bot)</sup> 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'Deoo 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, <sup>Township.</sup> North York. The Hutchinsons were owners of King City Hardware and moved to Tilbury, South-western, Ontario.

LOT 6, CONCESSION 5, King Township.

Lot

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		