

THE DOBSON FAMILY

John Dobson was born in Baildon, Yorkshire, England in the year 1792. He married Hannah Fairbank of the same place. Their son, James Dobson, born June 1, 1839, came to Canada and in 1861 married Matilda Wright in the parsonage of J.F.A.S. Fayette in Tecumseh Township. Matilda was the daughter of William & Elizabeth Wright. William Wright was born 1800 in County Managhan, Ireland. Mr. & Mrs James Dobson lived in Tecumseh where their family were born, moved to Kleinburg and later to Alberta and homesteaded at Innisfil. Their son, Francis Reuben Dobson, who was born July 9, 1875 stayed here and in 1898 married Elizabeth Thompson, daughter of Mr. & Mrs Henry Thompson who farmed on the 11th Concession of King Township. Her brother Henry Thompson owned the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot 6, Con 10, James the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot 7, Con 10, and Alfred the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot 6, Con 11, Township of King.

Frank and Elizabeth Dobson lived in Nobleton until 1908, when they bought the present Dobson farm, 1 mile south of Nobleton on the east side of Highway 27. Later they bought the 100 acre Mitchell farm to the North. Frank Dobson was a builder by trade and built a number of houses and barns in the district, also bricked and plastered the Kleinburg United Church. He was an Orangeman and a Black Knight. Mr. & Mrs Dobson were active and devoted members of the old Methodist Church and after Church Union of the Nobleton United Church. Mrs Dobson was a Life Member of the W.A. and Frank Dobson, an elder of the Church until his death. They had 6 children, Frank Reuben, Wilbert, Gertrude Gladys (deceased 1906) and Mildred, all born in Nobleton, and Howard born on the farm. Wilbert and Howard stayed on the farm, while their brother and sisters married and moved away.

In 1933 Howard married Ellen Westover of Weston. They made their home at the farm and had 2 sons, Thomas and Edgar, and 1 daughter Dana. Tom and Edgar played hockey and baseball for Nobleton.

