

THE GOODFELLOW FAMILY

In the year 1897, Mary Beatty Cherry, daughter of James Cherry and his wife Elizabeth Sheardown, was married to Adam Goodfellow of Albion. They spent the first year of their married life in Adjala Township. Then they moved to Nobleton, bringing the name Goodfellow to this area.

Adam Goodfellow bought the farm they occupied, from Mr. Hambly in 1898. The buildings were in poor condition but they resided in the house for one year. Then they leased the farm to the north of them from Mr. Robinson for three years and moved into the house on this farm. A new barn was built on the newly purchased farm in 1901, most of the timbers used were hewn from logs cut from a wood lot owned by James Cherry also lumber sawed from the same wood lot.

The new house was built in 1904; it contained 30,000 bricks bought from Norton's Brickyard in Bolton for \$7.00 per 1000. The Goodfellows now had good and comfortable buildings to continue farming. Hydro was installed in the thirties.

Five sons were born from this union - Harold, Howard, Borden, Lorne and Kenneth. Harold and Borden remained single and are successful farmers, remaining on the homestead. Adam Goodfellow passed away September 5th 1936 and his wife on September 19th 1948.

Howard farmed with his aunt Mrs. H. Hambly for seven or eight years. Then he went into partnership with his brother Lorne, buying the General Store from Harold Pringle in 1926, which also had the local Post Office. This partnership lasted until 1949. The business progressed and many changes took place. Lorne married Mary Beaton of Durham, Ont. in 1927 and they had one son, Beaton. Lorne was politically minded and entered King Township Council in 1935, serving four years as Councillor, seven years as Deputy, Reeve, four years as Reeve and was elected Warden of York County in 1949.

After selling the business in 1949 to Donald Kaake, Howard and Lorne dissolved partnership. Lorne built a new home south on 27 highway and continued to operate the Post Office. In 1950 he was employed by the Department of Highways, as an inspector of road construction. Mrs. Goodfellow continued on with the work of the Post Office. As time went on, the village grew and there was need for a larger office, so they built a spacious home across the highway. With ample office space, Mrs. Goodfellow, with the help of Mrs. E. Robinson, continues with the work and Lorne is still with the Department of Highways (1965)

Howard was a lover of horses and had a flourishing business in the buying and selling of them until farms and highways became mechanized. He married Nellie Dove of Schomberg in 1956 and continued to live in Nobleton. He also bought a farm on the 16th sideroad which has since been sold and divided into 10 acre lots. After the death of his aunt, Mrs. Hambly, Howard bought her home where he now resides. He buys small domestic animals for the Connaught Laboratories for research purposes.

Kenneth, the youngest son, served with the R.C.A.F. from 1940 to 1945. After his discharge he married Jean Sommers, whose home was in Manitoba but she had come to Ontario and was teaching at the local school. He is a natural-born dealer and besides several land transactions is now in partnership with his brother-in-law James Witherspoon in the Imperial Garage and Wholesale Automotive Supplies. He also has a license to buy and sell livestock on the Union Stockyards in Toronto. They have three children - Janice, Lee Ann, and John. They now reside in a large two-story dwelling on 27 highway.