

"Hill Family"

Moses Hill brought his family to Canada from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, United States about 1855. They settled in the Sharon area and were followers of the Quaker religion. George was 14 years old at the time, learned the trade of a carpenter and followed that trade most of his life.

George married Christina McKinnon in 1864. Christina's family lived on a farm in the Nobleton district, Concession 8, Lot 7. George and Christina moved to Newmarket after their marriage and their first child was born there. Then when this boy was two years old, George and Christina moved to the farm on Lot 7, Concession 8. George continued to work as a carpenter and do some farming.

These are George and Christina's children: Arthur, Josephine, Wellington, Charles and George and Georgina who were twins. Georgina died as an infant, and after the twins birth, Christina's health was not good and she died that same year, 1881.

George married Jane Cutting on February 27, 1883, still living on the same farm at Lot 7, Concession 8, Jane taking over the care of Christina's children. Then the following children were born to George and Jane: Norman, Mary Aleda, who died as a small child, Annie, Cora and Albert.

As the family grew up, George and his sons went into farming. Arthur farmed south of Nobleton on Lot 5, Concession 8. Arthur married Janet McCallum in 1904. They had 3 sons, George, Arthur and Percy. This family have made their homes and livelihood here all their lives. George married Hazel Hoover and their children: Vera, Kenneth (deceased), Douglas and Wayne.

Vera married Bruce Clarke and are living in Nobleton. Doug is teaching at King City Secondary School. Wayne lives in Toronto. George died in 1968. Douglas married Margaret Thacker, and also lives in Nobleton. Arthur, the second son, married Annie Boak and they farmed until much of the land was used for building lots. Arthur and Annie live in the farm house. Their children were all boys: Larry, Kent, Raymond (deceased) and Terry. Larry and Kent are married and living away from this community. Terry is still in school.

Percy married Doris Kaake, a local girl. Their children: Marilyn, Edwin and Debra. Marilyn died in 1965. Edwin is married and lives in Montreal, Debra is a student in King City Secondary School. Percy operated a service station for several years and George and Percy had a grocery and meat business. They also operated an egg grading station. When they sold this business, George took over an insurance agency and real estate business, which he conducted until his death in 1968. Percy is a fuel oil dealer and distributor. Josephine married a western farmer and moved to Manitoba. Wellington moved away from Nobleton as a young man. George, the surviving twin, moved to the United States. Charles, married Jemima Chamberlain in 1904, and they came to the farm on Lot 7, Concession 8. George and Jane and family had moved into a house in the village. These are Charles and Jemima's children: Olive, Stella, Walter, Jean and Ross. Olive and Walter have and are still living in this community. Charles died in 1924. Jemima still continued to live and work the farm until the family were grown. Then Walter farmed there for many years. He married Ilene Smart in 1943. Their children are Deanna, Brenda, Caroline and Gregory. Walter sold the farm in 1964 and has moved to the village and lives on Lynwood Crescent. Olive married to Frank Chapman lives on Part of Lot 7, Concession 8. Their children are James, Mary, Peter (deceased) and Larry. Frank died in 1958. James and Larry live at home. Mary married to Frank Ball, living in Nobleton on Chinook Drive. Norman Hill living on the farm at Lot 7, Concession 9, married to Jennie Paar. Their oldest son, Henry Albert born July 11, 1914. Then another son May 1916. This baby died. Jennie also died at this time. Norman remarried in January 1918 to Margaret Mitchell and they had one daughter, Elizabeth who lives at the family home at this time. The farmland has been sold. Henry married Thelma Hart, living in this area a few years after their marriage, then moving to Toronto. They have three children, Charlene (deceased), Gary and Jeffery.

Elizabeth married Wilson Armstrong and they have two children Jim at home and Jean married to Roderick McLean, living in Bradford. Wilson died in December 1970.

Annie Hill married Frank Paar, moved to the Schomberg area. They had no children.

Cora Hill married Harold Pringle who was a local storekeeper most of his life. They had one daughter Gladwyn. Gladwyn married Keith Banting and is living in the village now. Their children are Barbara, Grant, Karen, Paula and David.

Albert Hill married to Ouida MacMurchy. Their children are Agnes, Shirley. These girls married and moved to Hamilton. Albert was a stock truck dealer and served the farmers in this area for many years. Then he opened a service station on his property in the village and carried on that business for some time. Albert died in 1963 and Ouida in 1968.



A home built by the Hambleys later occupied by the Hills