

MR. THOMAS MCMURCHY*LOT 7, CON.7

About 1840 Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McMurchy arrived in Montreal from Rhunshaorine, Argyleshire, Scotland. Mr. McMurchy was nearly eighty years of age at that time and brought his family of eleven sons with him.

One son stayed in Montreal and was lost track of. Another son settled in Lindsay, another in Erin, and two in Collingwood. Two of the sons, Dugald and Neil, bought seven hundred acres in and near King Township, including lot 7 Concession 7. The parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McMurchy, settled on the farm with Dugald and Neil. The acreage was later reduced to two hundred acres. The parents died and were buried in the cemetery at Strange.

Dugald remained a bachelor but Neil married and had a family of one son, Thomas, and four daughters, Mary, Kate, Annie and Grace. Thomas and Mary remained on the farm. The latter three girls taught school and Mary helped at home. None of the family married.

Thomas entered municipal politics in 1913 and became councillor and later reeve. He was reeve from 1939-46.

Thomas died in February 1948. He and his sisters are buried in King City cemetery.

