

THE SHEARDOWN FAMILY

Samuel Sheardown was born in Lincolnshire, England in 1806 and emigrated to Canada in 1828. He settled in York County and worked out for a few years as a hired man until he had saved sufficient money to purchase a bush farm. He was a pioneer of his section and had to cut his way through the bush to reach his land, which was Lot 6, Concession 9 of King Township. He was married in 1838 to Miss Isabella Drummond who dies in 1874. They had eight children: William, John, Samuel, James, Peter, Elizabeth, Catherine, and Thomas. Mr. Samuel Sheardown's death occurred soon after that of his wife in 1874, at the age of seventy-one years.

William Sheardown, eldest son of Samuel eventually moved to Hamiota, Manitoba and was killed in a railroad accident.

John lived on the west half of Concession 10, Lot 4 and farmed there. He had six daughters.

Samuel lived in Richmond Hill, operating a coal and wood business. He was the father of James of Bolton.

James never married and resided with the Cherry family in Kleinburg.

Peter never married and he was joint owner of the original farm.

Elizabeth married James Cherry of Vaughan, Lot 32, Concession 9. Two of their daughters were Mrs. Adam Goodfellow and Mrs. Chas. Hambly.

Catherine married William Wilson and moved to Western Ontario.

Thomas, youngest of the family, stayed on the home farm, Lot 6, Concession 9 and operated the farm in joint ownership with his brother Peter. Thomas married Mary Jeffrey of Vaughan Township on September 22, 1896 at Reverend Carmichael's home in King City. (Thomas Sheardown was born in 1852 and died September 6, 1906. His wife, Mary Jeffrey was born September 22, 1856 in Vaughan Township, Lot 34, Concession 8 and died March 24, 1913.) They had one son Lorne Albert, who was born December 19, 1897.

Lorne went to school on the Tenth Concession of King and after his father's death in 1906 he and his mother moved to Nobleton, occupying the house now owned by Mrs. S. Atkinson. His mother died in 1913 and he then went to live with the Arthur Hill family (Mrs. Hill being his cousin.) After completing his schooling at Nobleton, he attended St. Andrew's College in Toronto and then Central Technical School also in Toronto. He married Rosa Baker of Burnanthurpe in August 1927 and returned to live on the home farm Lot 6, Concession 9, King Township. Lorne built and operated the service station on 27 highway and the Bolton Road. It is presently known as the Gulf Service Station. He sold the service station in 1944 and remained farming until 1966 when he sold the farm and moved to Nobleton. They had two sons: Murray, born in 1929 and Ronald Albert, born August 3, 1932 and passed away March 22, 1933.

Murray attended the Tenth Concession school and married Mary Kehoe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Kehoe of the 12th Concession of King. Murray started farming in Toronto Gore, then moving to King in 1958 to Lot 21, Concession 11, then buying a farm at Tottenham and farming there 1964-65. He then purchased ten acres and one half of the original Lot 6, Concession 9 homestead in 1966, occupying the family home. Murray and Mary have three children: Paul, Ann and Carl. Murray, always interested in politics, was elected to King Township council in January 1971.