

WILKIE HISTORY

The name Wilkie was a very familiar one around Nobleton, until the death of Malcolm about the year 1954. He was the last of the Wilkie family to live in this area.

His grandfather, Malcolm Wilkie, was born in Argylshire, Scotland about 1795 in the parish of Skysness. In 1820 he married Jean Taylor of the same parish and emigrated to Canada around the year 1827. They settled on concession 6, Vaughan Township. In 1832 they moved to Lot 7, concession 10, King Township, bringing the name Wilkie to this district. Malcolm and his wife Jean had nine sons and five daughters, eleven of them were born in Canada. This was surely a typical pioneer family. The children's names were -

John, Barbara and Jean, all born and died in Scotland, Mary married A. Jeffrey; Angus married Agnes Cairns; Donald married Flora Cairns and they moved to Saskatchewan; John married Jane McDonald; Christie married Celia Brooks; Jane married A. McGillvrey and moved to Saskatchewan; Neil married Alma Watson and they moved to Kansas, Missouri, U.S.A.; Duncan died at the age of twenty two; Malcolm died at the age of twenty six; Dan went to the United States and there is no record of him.

Angus, the fifth child, married Agnes Cairns and they inherited the farm lot 7, concession 10, King. They had eight children, two boys and six girls. Malcolm married Ann Robb and moved to Manitoba; Mary, Margaret, Jean, Christie, Katherine, Agnes Ann married John Hambly. John married Margaret Malloy in 1900 and they inherited the home farm lot 7, concession 10, King Township. This union had two children, Mary and Norton. Mary remained single and taught school for several years, retiring from the staff of Aurora and District High School. Norton married Lorraine Dewar and they had one daughter Patricia.

Patricia married Thomas Thurlby and they have two children, Lorrie and Thomas, hence the fifth generation of the farmer of Malcolm and his wife Jean. Norton died in 1942.

After the death of John in 1938, Mrs. Wilkie and Mary sold the farm to William Nattress and Mrs. Wilkie and Mary then moved to Richmond Hill, where Mary still resides. Mrs. Wilkie passed away in 1959.

The other branch of the Wilkie family lived at lot 7, concession 9 King Township. This farm was bought by Malcolm Wilkie on December 21st, 1847 from one John Morley. John Wilkie, Malcolm's son, married Jane McDonald and they inherited this farm. They had four children. Jennie married J. Cairns and moved to Saskatchewan; Barbara, Malcolm and John who married Bertha Irwin. Malcolm remained single and was left this farm in 1926, with his sister Barbara sharing the arrangement. They lived and worked together on this farm until Barbara's death.

John worked for a number of years in the drapery department of the T. Eaton Company. They had three children - Gladys, May and Stanley. Stanley married Evelyn Cowan but there were no children. Malcolm continued on the farm alone but after a period of poor health sold the farm to Lyman Davis in 1952. Malcolm lived for a short time with Lorne Sheardown. He spent the last few months in a nursing home, he died in 1954 and with his death the name of Wilkie was removed from this area.

Surely a great contribution was given to this community by the family of Malcolm Wilkie and his wife Jean, who came to Canada in 1832.

