

"The Wood Family"

In 1840, Emmanuel Wood, born in 1820 in England emigrated to Quebec City, where he married Mary Ann Allan and together they made their home on Lot 14, Concession 9 in the Township of King. To them were born ten children, six sons -- Benjamin, William, George, Alfred, Emmanuel and Albert and four daughters -- Ann, Jane, Elizabeth (Mrs. George Cressar) and Mary (Mrs. Oliver Sturdy).

Emmanuel married his childhood sweetheart Mary Jane Simpson of Bell's Lake. He operated a blacksmith shop at Wildfield.

In 1898, they moved to Concession 7 in King at Kelly's Lake. Better known as Manny Wood, he then went into the treshing business in summer and fired a sawmill in the winter.

His father-in-law, James Simpson who operated a wood working shop at Bell's Lake, built in 1871 the barn on the farm, later owned by Howard Wood.

To Emmanuel and Mary Jane were born four sons -- Howard, James Albert and Melvin and Lawrence and one daughter -- Edna (Mrs. Edward White).

Howard married Maud Paton and they made their home on his father's farm Lot 18, Concession 9, where he farmed for fifty years, before retiring to Nobleton. Their children were Ken, Don, Bill, Della (Mrs. McLean of Pine Grove) and Nancy (Mrs. Mildred Moffatt of Bolton).

James Albert married Clarissa Courtney and lived at Niagara and they had four girls and three boys; namely Edith (Mrs. Tom Baker of Beeton) Inez, Beryl (Mrs. Art Fleet) and Elva; and the boys Ivel, James and Ronald.

Lawrence married Olive Abrahms, and had two sons -- Douglas and Keith.

Alfred married Angeline Copethorn and took over his father's farm, Lot 14, Concession 9, and remained until his death. Their children two boys Earl and Wesley and two girls Iva (Mrs. T. Kelly--deceased) and Gladys (Mrs. G. Guyatt). Earl a bachelor lives at Schomberg and works at his trade of Carpentry.

Wesley took over from his father, the farm, making three consecutive generations to farm the original home of the first Emmanuel Wood. After, the accidental death of Wesley, the farm was sold to L. J. McGuinness, a horse fancier.

The name of Wood bears an honorable status, for this family was one of the pioneers of early life in King Township and many members of this family live in the area, still contributing to the community and it's activities.

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