

Farm Land now owned by Fred W. Browne  
1952.

This farm of one hundred acres is situated on East half Lot 31-32 Concession 2 King Township. Tracing back the ownership we find we purchased from Mr. Edward Owens in 1938.

In 1900 or 1902 he purchased from Mrs. George Cutting, his wife's mother.

At that time most of the land was uncleared, and the house was on the North East corner of the farm. We found traces of a garden there, grapes, gooseberries, raspberries, roses and lilies, also an orchard, but no trace of a house.

Miss Edna Owens of Newmarket, tells me that the second was used for buggies but there was always a steep rise from the road up to the land into the house, and in her childhood, they went that way to the Glenville Church.

Early in the 1900's it was decided to build nearer the Mulock Side Road and much of the lumber from the old house was used in the new one. Mr. Owens cleared the land.

The house and barn were burned about 1927, and we built on the site of the barn in 1939 and used it for a summer home until 1951 when we made it a year round home.

The family consists of Fred W. Browne his wife Enide and a daughter Marilyn.

"Hillandale Farm"

Answer to Women's Institute Roll Call "Give the History of your Farm" by Mrs. F. W. Browne, April 1952.

The Casey Farm.  
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This property known as the Casey Farm since 1878 comprises fifty acres in the north west quarter of lot 17 and one hundred and fifty acres in the west part of lot 18 Concession 2, King Township.

These two hundred acres were bought from the crown in 1803 by James Fulton who lived there until 1844. In the next thirty four years the farm changed owners about thirty times. In 1878 it was purchased by Daniel Casey from Alexander Keith. It has remained in the Casey family ever since. The present owner Charles Casey has had it since the death of his father Daniel in 1922. His wife Anna died in 1939.

At present, 1952, living on the farm are Charles and his four younger children, Joan, Joseph, Edward and Dennis. His wife Anna O'Leary died in 1939 and the two oldest children Vincent and Eileen are married.

Note - This information was provided by Charles Casey from the crown deed of the farm which is in his possession.

H. pt. Lot 20, Con. 2.

The farm Lot 20 Con 2 King  
was, fifty years ago owned by  
the late Million Andrews  
He rented the farm to Arthur and  
William Storey

Afterwards it was sold to  
the late Archie Mitchell after  
his death two of his sons Calvin  
& Novel Mitchell took over the  
farm later Calvin sold it to  
Walker Milijab of Aurora

It was again sold to Jim Ball  
who in turn sold it to the

Collis Leather Comp. Aurora  
They rented it to William Storey &  
son when again after 3 years  
it has been sold to John Deew  
of King City

Annie Storey



Was Originally Crown Land

## Mother Nature Is Glorified In Beautiful Country Garden

Under an arbour and through a little white gate on the road between Aurora and Schomberg, which is a continuation of Wellington Street West, there is romance, history and beauty. It is found on the property of Mr. and Mrs. William Davison, on the bend of the road just west of Snowball.

More than a hundred years ago, the Crown deeded land to a family by the name of Davis. As each of her several sons up and married, mother Davis divided the land so that each one of her boys would have a farm of his own. Clayton Davis settled on the one where the hundred-year-old frame home the Davidsons now occupy, is situated. Later it was owned by a blacksmith, who plied his trade in a large barn, which has since given way to one of the prettiest corners in the Davidson's famous garden. For year Bill Davidson, as he dug the clay loam in preparation for planting perennials, would find horse shoes of every kind and size, nails and bits of iron. If he is at all superstitious about horse shoes, he must realize, he has discovered enough to assure him continued luck for all of his life time.

### Native Daughter Wed

Ruth White was born and raised on the farm at the rear of this property. She was a member of the little community church, and it was here she met a young Englishman, who had come to the district from his homeland to learn farming. Bill Davidson and Ruth White were married eighteen years ago and were lucky enough to rent the pretty little white house and set up housekeeping. Both keen horticulturists, they went about developing flower beds, experimenting with various roots and bulbs and coaxing the difficult soil into production of their well known prize winning stock.

It wasn't however, until five years later, when they bought the property, that they undertook any major reorganization of the garden or remodelling of the quaint old home. Since then Bill Davison has shown his skill, not only in gardening, but in adding a kitchen, upstairs rooms, and opening up the livingroom into a spacious area which is the hub of their home life.

### Favourite Varieties

They both have their favourite flowers. Mrs. Davison, who said all flowers were her favourites, admitted that tulips would be her special choice if she had to make one, probably because they are the first splash of colour in the garden after the winter-locked land was warmed sufficiently to waken the dormant bulbs. The hundred and thirty varieties of peonies are evidence of Bill's choice. Though their blooming season is a short one, they have been most rewarding for his hours of care and cultivation. Always among the top award winners at the Aurora Horticultural Society's early summer show, they have brought pleasure to a great many who regularly attend these events.

Members of the Horticultural Society for twelve years, they have both been directors and Mr. Davison is at present vice-president. He has been a member the staff of Collis Leather Co., for a number of years and they have one daughter, Shelia, who attends Aurora and District High School.

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Corner lot at S. E. Cor  
Lot 21. Can 3. King Prop.