



Fall Plowing Lot 60 Reaslow King 1915



Mrs Geo. Clark and Evelyn 1914



Team being sold at John Thompson's sale
1920



Mrs Geo. Clark. 1923



Team & Democrat. Jonathan Beynon
about 1910.

History of Farm owned by
Nelson Thompson

This property was bought from the Crown on February 8, 1807 by Lieut. Col. Augustin Boiton, 210 acres in all, Lot 62, rear of Concession I and Lot 2, Concession I.

One hundred and eighty three acres of this land was bought by Philip Phillips on September 29, 1828 from Michael Saigeon for the sum of 37 pounds, 10 shillings of Upper Canada money. (No record could be found of how Michael Saigeon came to own the property.) Twenty seven acres had been taken off the south part for taxes.

Thirty-two years later on January 25, 1870, this land was transferred from Anne S.

Phillips (wife of Philip Phillips) to Wm. Phillips, one of their sons. He paid \$800.00 for ninety five acres of the west part.

Mr. William Phillips and his wife, Anne Cevillah, had eleven children, five girls and six boys, namely Elizabeth Anne, Lavinia, Rebecca, Rachel, Anne Cevillah, Mahlon, Philip, Elias, Sam, William, and Benjamin Franklin, who later resided in Michigan.

These children became heir to this property after the death of their parents, each getting an undivided one eleventh.

Later in October, 1884 (the 14th), they sold to William H. Golding who was a son-in-law of Rebecca (Phillips) Irwin.

They lived in a small frame house which was situated about eighty rods east of the present brick dwelling.

Several years later this house was torn down by John Thompson and the best of the lumber was used in building the present hen house, which is situated just south of the barn.

Up until this date, lilacs, lily of the valley, tulips, narcissus, orange and tiger lilies and rhubarb may be seen still growing on that hal-
lowed quarter of an acre. Also on this spot stands a few apple trees, among them our favorite the St. Lawrence. It was blown down over the night of Hurricane Hazel, Friday, October 15th, 1954. Along the north of this piece of land grows a row of locust trees.

That dreadful disease, diphtheria struck the Golding home and they lost all their children. It was after this that William Golding and his wife, Mary Gertrude, decided to sell.

On November 28th, 1892, William Thompson, (Nelson's grandfather) bought this property, although he never lived on it. He and his wife, Mary Webster, and their family of twelve children lived on the next farm to the north.

William Thompson and his five sons all worked

together until each boy got a farm.

In 1898 the present barn was built and also that same year, a small frame house which stood a few rods east of the present house was moved to the present site and three rooms were added to the north part to be used as bedrooms. It stood until the summer of 1929, was then torn down and some of the lumber was used in building the present red brick house.

On January 11, 1899, John Thompson, fourth son of William, married Annie Phillips, eldest daughter of Philip Phillips and Jane (Dibb) Phillips. They moved on to this place in November 1899.

Their three sons, Nelson, Philip and Edgar, and two daughters, Häzel and Olive, were all born on this farm. They lived here until March 1920, when they had a sale of stock and implements. They bought the Summit Hotel at Oak Ridges from John Malloy (the property now known as the Ridge Inn).

For seven years the farm was rented, four years to George Clark (now living with his daughter Evelyn, Mrs. Stuart Paxton) and three years to Ellis Pratt. In 1927, John Thompson and boys came back and worked the farm, and still carried on their business at Oak Ridges.

On February 22nd, 1930, a beautiful spring day with hardly any snow, William Nelson Thompson and Alice Mae Beck of Maple were married, and on March 6th, 1930, moved into the new brick house which was built the previous summer. The summer following, the back woodshed and verandahs were built on, by Roy Dibb of Jefferson (who also built the house with Nelson's assistance). The orchard south of the house and the spruce trees to the west of the house and orchard were planted by John Thompson.

Most of you will remember that the early thirties were called the depression years. It was hard at times to make ends meet. I well remember the day we had 35cents between us. In the fall of 1933 we sold eleven fat hogs for \$66.00 (\$6.00 each). To make a long story short and after seventeen years of many ups and downs we were blessed with a son, William Nelson (the second). He is the seventh generation as near as we have been able to ascertain from available records to live on this property.

The land is rolling with a small pond in the front field and there is a much larger one back about ninety rods east of the buildings.

While Nelson's father lived here, he built a long pigpen to the north and west of the barn, and it was used as such until the summer of 1954 when Nelson tore the whole inside of the building out and made it into a cattle shed. He built a piece onto the east end where once stood a separator room.

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During the fall of 1929 while the present house was being built, with no one living here, a number of articles - even barrels of apples - seemed to disappear during the night. However a billy goat was purchased and left in the yard and, needless to say, after that nothing disappeared.

This property is bounded on the north by the farm owned now by William Hare, rented now to Mr. E. Herrema and on the east and south by the property of Gordon Taylor of Oak Ridges. John Thompson received his deed in 1917, Nelson Thompson in 1940.

February 7, 1956.

Much credit and praise is due Miss Mae Beck for the efficient service which she gave to the public in operating the switchboard at the Telephone Central on Election night. Such busy occasions test the skill and experience of the operator and the subscribers appreciate Miss Beck's services. *Jan. 2, 1928.*



These barns along with over 500 → laying hens were burnt on Thurs. Sept 3rd 1992.

1929

On June 29, 1974, William Nelson (Bill) Thompson and Diane Mae Perkins of Stroud were married in Central United Church, Barrie. They lived in Richmond Hill on Colbourne Avenue for 2 years.

In 1976 a 2.8 acre lot was severed south of the farm driveway on Bathurst, on which a brown brick bungalow was built. Bill and Diane moved in on December 24, 1976.

Bill was manager of the Seed Mill at Maple for a number of years before taking over the farm from his father.



June 1956 (Billie Thompson)



June 1956



1977

The East Quarter of Lot 10,
Concession 2, King Township

The east quarter of Lot 10, Concession 2, King Township, is bounded on the north by the sideroad known as C.F.R.B., on the east by the Second Concession of King Township, on the west by the Canadian National Railway and on the south by the line fence of Lot 9. The fifty acre tract of land slopes gently to the south and is about one half mile south of the height of land which divides the flow of water between Lake Simcoe and Lake Ontario. In the spring the water collects in a few low spots on the farm. At one time the Metropolitan Radial Line crossed the Canadian National Line at the south west corner of the farm. A guard was on twenty-four hour duty. A small corner of the farm was cut off by the Railway and $\frac{1}{4}$ acre was sold to Mr. A. Quinlan, about 1921, for the site of the home the Howard Clarks now live in.

This farm is part of a two hundred acre tract granted by the Crown to Archibald Thompson in 1797.

1833 - the west $\frac{1}{2}$ (100 acres) sold to James Thompson.

1837 - the same 100 acres to Joel Richards, then to Joseph Wells.

1841 - in March James Thompson deeded the west half of the east half to David Livingston.

1841 - James Thompson sold the east quarter of 50 acres to James Livingston.

We understand our stone house was built in 1860. George Kaiser was born in this house and a family by the name of Bealby rented the farm from Mr. Livingston.

1872 - James Livingston sold the farm to Mr. William G. Lloyd.

1888 - Mr. W. G. Lloyd sold to James and George Mair. The farm was rented by them to a number of people, namely Shanks, Doolittles, Waites, Farris and Peakes.

1920 - The Mair Brothers sold to Robert Crumie who farmed and had a market garden. Mr. Crumie's widow carried on for ten years after his death.

1941 - Mrs. R. Crumie sold the farm to Gordon G. Baldwin of Aurora. G. G. Baldwin's ancestors had settled in Laskay in 1832 and were flour millers. Mr. Baldwin raised Cheviot sheep and kept a flock of Leghorn hens and at times a few beef cattle. Finally the west half of the farm was planted with Christmas trees and the remainder was rented for pasture. The Baldwins were not good farmers.

The house today must look exactly as it looked when built of faced field stone. The fireplace is fitted with a crane and the front and back doors can be barred. The second floor of the house was never finished. The first floor has two good sized rooms at the front and three small rooms, a hall and a stairway across the back of the house. We have been told that this is a Nova Scotian way of dividing up a house. The present owners have added a clapboard addition to the west which provides a bathroom, hall, kitchen and breakfast room. The barn is L-shaped and is built very close to the sideroad. The orchard to the south of the house is the victim of every high wind. This farm is in Temperanceville School Section. The Church and School are proof of the fine community spirit which must always have been in evidence here.

(Mrs. Gordon G.) Agnes Baldwin,
February 21st, 1956.

