

THE ATKINSON GENEALOGY

In 1833, Thomas Atkinson who was born May 28, 1808, came to Canada with his parents John Atkinson and Elizabeth Hodgson. They came from the north of England very close to the Scotland border. In 1837, he married Bethia Kidd, who was born April 25, 1815 and came with her parents from Scarboro, Yorkshire, England. He bought 50 acres of lot 37, con. 3, Etobicoke which is near Thistletown, in 1852. He also did considerable carpenter work. He helped build the 'Old Mill' on the Humber River near High Park, also, the old Rowntree's Mill on the Humber north of Thistletown. He erected the first fence around St. Philip's Anglican Cemetary, Weston where quite a number of the Atkinsons are buried. They had thirteen children; Robert, William, Thomas, Jane, John, Elizabeth, Mary Jane, Martha, Hannah, Bethia, Richard, Alice and Solomon; some of whom did remain in this district. Thomas died January 24, 1892, and Bethia August 26, 1904.

Robert, who was a thresher by trade lived in Thistletown.

Thomas farmed at Coleraine and Nashville.

Martha, who married James Johnston farmed at Coleraine and their grandson Alex and family are still there.

The others went farther abroad except Solomon.

Solomon, born January 22, 1859, married Isabella Sheardown, daughter of the late John Sheardown and Mary Burrell of Bolton. In 1905 after farming on the home farm he moved to Vaughan Township and later to King Township first on the 10th con. then on the 11th. In 1911, he bought the farm at lot 14, con. 4, King Township where about six years previously an apple orchard of 10 acres had been planted, mainly northern spies and when judged was awarded 2nd prize for being the best planted orchard in Ontario. He was also very interested in Clydesdale horses. Their family consisted of five girls and four boys; Lillian, Ethel,

Eri, Annie, Laretta, Leonard, Wesley, Cecil and Hazel. Solomon was deceased February 23, 1944 and Isabella March 1933. Many of the group are buried in Bolton. Lillian married Edgar Sampson and had five children of which Melville is living in Nobleton. Ethel married Wellington Maw who farmed in King Township. Eri married Sarah Sturgeon and farmed on the 11th con. until his death in 1940. Annie married James Cherry. Laretta married and moved away as did Hazel. Wesley was drowned in Bell's Lake in July 1916 in his 18th year. John Leonard, better known as Leonard, was born May 7, 1896 in King Township and in 1914 he joined the armed services serving until 1918 with the Artillery in France where he suffered the loss of a lung. In 1922 he married Hazel Armstrong of Mono Township near Rosemont. They moved to Simcoe County for two years, then back to King Township lot 17, con. 11, then in 1944 lot 17, con. 10. He carried on mixed farming until his death in 1956. Hazel passed away September 1971. They had seven children; Phyllis, Wesley, Evelyn, Harvey, Violet, Risdon and Roy. Wesley passed away in 1948 and along with his parents is buried in Bolton. Only Risdon and Roy remained in this area. Risdon married Mildred Reid of R.R. #3, Tottenham in 1959 and they farm lot 17, con. 10, King Township. He raises holstein cattle and in centennial year 1967 won first in a draw for a trip to Expo in Montreal that the Federation of Agriculture sponsored for all of York County. They have four children; Leonard, Nancy, Melanie and Paula. Roy farms lot 17, con. 11, King Township and raises guernsey cattle. In 1954 he married Serena Wos of this area and they have five children: Donald, Ricky, Paul, Wesley and Linda.

Cecil born May 10, 1901, married Hazel Cumming of Meadonte Township,

Simcoe County in 1923 and farmed with his father until in the 30's when he bought the farm and his interest being cattle went into the dairy business joining the Holstein Friesian Association with an accredited herd which won him honors and finally in 1968 was presented with the Master Breeder Shield. As an outside interest he enjoyed hockey. The moved to Nobleton in 1956 but still kept his interests and helped Glen until his health broke in 1962. He passed away in June 1969 and is buried in Bolton. They had two sons, Ross who married and moved away and Glenn who remained on his father's farm lot 14, con. 9. Glenn continued in the holstein cattle since being a junior farm member he had a number of cattle of his own which he raised, and in 1972 he too was awarded the Master Breeder Shield. He has an outside interest of Hockey. He married Velma Hawman in 1951 and they have seven children; Carol, Lois, Barbara, Glenna, Kenneth, Wendy and Sandra.

BALLARDS

Joseph Ballard and his wife, the former Margaret Smith, and their four year old daughter Nellie came to Nobleton from Pine Orchard in Whitchurch Township in about 1894. Two children, Maxwell and Adeline were born in Nobleton.

Mr. Ballard operated a successful business in black smithing on 27 highway in the heart of Nobleton.

Nellie remained single and was employed in Toronto until her Mother's death. She then came home to live with her father. Following his demise Nellie lived alone in the homestead until her passing in 1960.

Maxwell married and had two daughters, Margaret and Ruth. He chose teaching as his profession and was, for many years, the principal of a collegiate in Moosejaw, Saskatchewan.

Adeline married Earl Buckle. They raised two sons, Bruce and John, in the Aurora district.

"Cain Family"

Thomas Cain 1811 - 1893
his wife
Jane Ireland 1831 - 1918
& two children - Mary and Thomas

Thomas was born in Ireland and came to Canada to farm at King Creek -- Mary married Sam Adams of Vaughan Township. Thomas married Margaret Jackson of King City in 1884 and lived on father's farm and had five children Pearl, Florence, Edna, Stanley and Elliot.

He was a champion plowman at provincial and local matches. He sold machinery for the David Maxwell Co. at St. Mary's and in 1890 was presented with an engraved gold watch for having sold the most machinery. The watch is still in the possession of Elliot's son Thomas.

In 1895, he rented ~~the~~ farm and moved to Aurora and went into the insurance and machinery business.

In 1901 another son was born Harold.

After the father's death in 1911, the mother and family came back to the King Creek Farm.

In 1920 Harold bought the old hotel in Nobleton from Albert Card, carried on the garage, chopping mill and pool room. Later the old buildings were taken down. Harold built a new garage, Esso station and in 1951 sold it to Mr. Goodfellow and Mr. Wither-
spoon.

He built a house in Nobleton and retired.

In 1929, Elliot bought the John Cherry Farm on the 10th line King Township from Herman Kaake and sold to Anthony Millar in 1959, retired in Nobleton.

Stanley farmed at King Creek until 1938 when he sold to Albert Kerr and bought Harry Mc Cutcheon's farm in Vaughan Town-
ship.

Mary Cain

John Chamberlain was born an Englishman in 1782. He married Elizabeth Peel. Three children were born and the mother died. John then married Jane Nelson and they sailed for Canada where three more children were born. Their names respectively were Abigail, John, George, Elizabeth, Christine and Harriet. John is the only one of whom we have any record. He was born in 1812 in Lincolnshire, England, coming here as a boy. It is not known where he and his family lived until he purchased Lot 12 East half of Con. eleven, one hundred acres in 1837 from Canada Company. In 1847 he bought Lot 8 East half of Con eleven and sold Lot 12 to Laughlin McKinley in 1849.

John was married to Jane Taylor. Six boys and one girl were born. In 1857 three boys, ages three, ten and eleven years, died within two weeks of the dreaded disease diptheria. The surviving children were George, Malcolm, Elizabeth and William. Malcolm never married, Elizabeth married John Sheardown and raised a family on the Eleventh Con. King. Her great grandson John is now a successful miller in Nobleton. He married Irene Robinson and they have a family of two boys and one daughter Blanche.

George, the eldest of John and Jane, married Sophronia Jane Kennedy 1873. They settled on Lot 5, Con 11 King with the entrance to this farm on the Bolton Road. They had six children, Annetta married Daniel Malloy and lived on Lot 3 west half Con. eight King. Eight children were born, Lottie, Jennie, Lorne, Marion, Jim, George and Neil twins and Laura. Jennie and Neil are on the home place. Laura married Harold Taylor and live on a neighbouring farm. They had one son, who in turn had one daughter he being married to Thelma McCutcheon. Lottie and George are deceased and the rest of the family moved farther afield.

Mary, the second of John and Jane, married Herbert Ross. They farmed at ^pScripturetown and had one daughter Jean. Jean married Marshall McMurchy and lived in Aurora. They had three children and two grandchildren.

Jemima, the third, married Charles Hill of Nobleton. Their geneology is in the Hill Family in this book.

Nora, the fourth child, married Cecil Gott of Bolton. They had one son. Norman married twice but had no family.

John the youngest married Myrtle Maw of Bolton. They raised a family of six on the homestead on the Bolton Road.

Pearl, the eldest, married Fergus Mactaggart. They lived first on the Mactaggart homestead on 27 hiway, then moved to Lot 7 West half Con 10 King. They have one daughter and two sons. Daughter Evelyn taught school two years before marrying Bruce Farr who operated a farm and farm machinery business. Evelyn taught six more years. They have two sons Herbie and Tommy and live near Guelph at the present time. Bill, the oldest boy, with masters degree in Physics, teaches high school in Guelph. He is married to Jackie Robertson, also a teacher. They live on a farm near Guelph raising sheep as a hobby. They have two children Lisa and Billy. Jack, having a doctor's degree in Physics, works in research for Electronic Associates of Canada. He is married to Bonnie Huycke of Nobleton, a school teacher. They have two children Heather and Laurie. Their new home is on part Lot 15 Con 9 Albion.

Austin, second son of John and Myrtle, married Dorothy Borland. They farmed on Lot 4 Con 10 King. Four children were born to them. Joan married Neil Best. They live in Glen Williams and have two sons Sidney and Kenneth. Nancy, a school teacher, married Glen Broad. They reside near Nobleton on 27 highway. Kenneth and Karen are at home. In 1968 Austin sold the farm and they now reside on Crestview Ave. in Nobleton.

When George married Mary Tayles he took up residence in Woodbridge, working at Robertson's factory. They have two girls, Marilyn and Carol and a son Robert. Marilyn married Bob Ellison, an ambulance driver, and have two daughters, Tracey and Kelly. Carol is married to a machine operator Paul McMahon. Robert obtained his BA degree at the University of Toronto. He is married to Mariann Marinor

of Hawksbury where he teaches languages in the high school. They have a daughter Christine.

Noreen married Robert Kersey of Castlemore. Their family consists of four boys and two girls, namely Jim, John, Linda, Mary Ann, Billy and Kenneth. Jim married Joan Cantelan and they live in Georgetown. They have a boy Ronald and a girl Lawrie. His business is refrigeration. John is in the transport business. Linda chose nursing as her career while the rest are still at home.

Mary was stricken with poliomyelitis in December 1947. She was hospitalized and lived in an iron lung for nearly five years. One touching event was when they permitted her, accompanied by two hospital staff members, to attend the wedding of her brother Joe in Kleinburg. However, the odds were against her and following a courageous fight for life she succumbed October 20, 1952.

Joseph married Velma Bell of Kleinburg. They have three sons Grant, Keith and Paul and a daughter Sandra. They all are living on the farm homestead.

John and his sons were very successful farmers, always first in the community to finish seeding, haying and harvesting. They also done considerable carpentering in their spare time. In 1953 John built a house to retire to near the site where the first old log house stood. All of his sisters were very fine seamstresses, this talent is quite notable in all the succeeding families. John died in December 1972. He and Myrtle would have been married fifty eight years just one month after his death.

Chamberlains

William James, the youngest son of John and Jane Chamberlain, was born 1859 and raised to be a farmer on Lot 8, Con. 10 King.

Will took pride in his farming. A lover of horses, he would raise a colt or two each year, then a bit of horse dealing on the side. He also enjoyed a day now and then at the race track where he would watch the trotters.

In 1885 he and Alice Ann Robb were united in matrimony. They raised seven children - namely Annie, Russel, William, Christopher, Stokes, Reuben and Hilda.

Annie is well known around Nobleton having lived in or near here all her life. Christopher Hodgson took her for his life partner, farming Lot 17, Con. 10 King. Of this marriage six children were born. Alice, their first daughter, married Clare New, they had no family. William married Eliza Barker of King. His geneology will be found in another section of this book. Donola married Frank Hamilton of Hammertown, where they farmed and raised two girls and a boy - Lois, Lawrena and George. Lois married Norman Taylor, they have four daughters - Karen, Donna, Barbara and Nancy.

Lawrena married Ernest Churchill and have one daughter and two boys, Ruth Ann, Ernest Franklin and Ronald.

George married Beverley Dick, they have two boys and one girl and live in their new home built on the family property.

Jean, fourth child of Chris and Annie, married Lloyd Brown of Schomberg, they had three children - Lorna, Harold and Murray.

Kenneth married Margaret Johnston, they farmed the Hodgson homestead for a number of years, then moved into Nobleton, Ken now working at Malton, Toronto Airport. Ken and Margaret have three grown daughters and a wee one - Judy, Jane, Cathy and Lori.

Helen Hodgson married Henry Walford of Toronto. They have three sons and two daughters all living in Toronto.

Clare Hodgson, the youngest son, married Vicky Kenney and have one daughter Karen. Clare was killed accidentally when his truck collided with a train.

Annie was widowed in 1961 and has seen three of her children laid away. This completed the Hodgson story.

Russel Chamberlain, eldest son of William and Alice, married Myrtle Clark of Castleberg. They raised two sons and one daughter. Bill served in the Canadian Armed Forces in work war two and is now living in British Columbia, having married Mary Cox. They have two sons Butch and Buck. Bert married Audrey Clayton and has one son Douglas and operates a T.T.C. bus. Their sister Gail married Mason Brown of New Brunswick, has a family of five and resides in Toronto.

William J., the third child of Will and Alice, enlisted in the Canadian Armed Forces at the age of 21 in 1914. He served his country well until 1917 when he gave his life.

Christopher married Hyacinth Wilson of Creemore, a school teacher. They had three children - Catherine, Clive and Christine. His wife died of cancer when Clive and Christine were eight years of age. Chris later married a young widow Elsa Lee, who also had a young son John. A son Craig was born to this marriage. Catherine married John Weedon of Kettleby, they have two sons - Tommy and Chris. Catherine died of cancer at the age of thirty-eight. Clive is well known in the Nobleton district, he married Ann Rhodes of Tottenham, and is presently living in Tottenham and is driving a milk transport truck. They have one son Terry and a daughter Elizabeth.

Christine married Don Nelson of Bolton, they have three children, Denise Bradley and Shelly. John Lee is married to Wendy Smith, is a parts mechanic and works and lives in Nobleton. Craig lives in Nobleton with his mother, who teaches school here. Chris passed away in 1968.

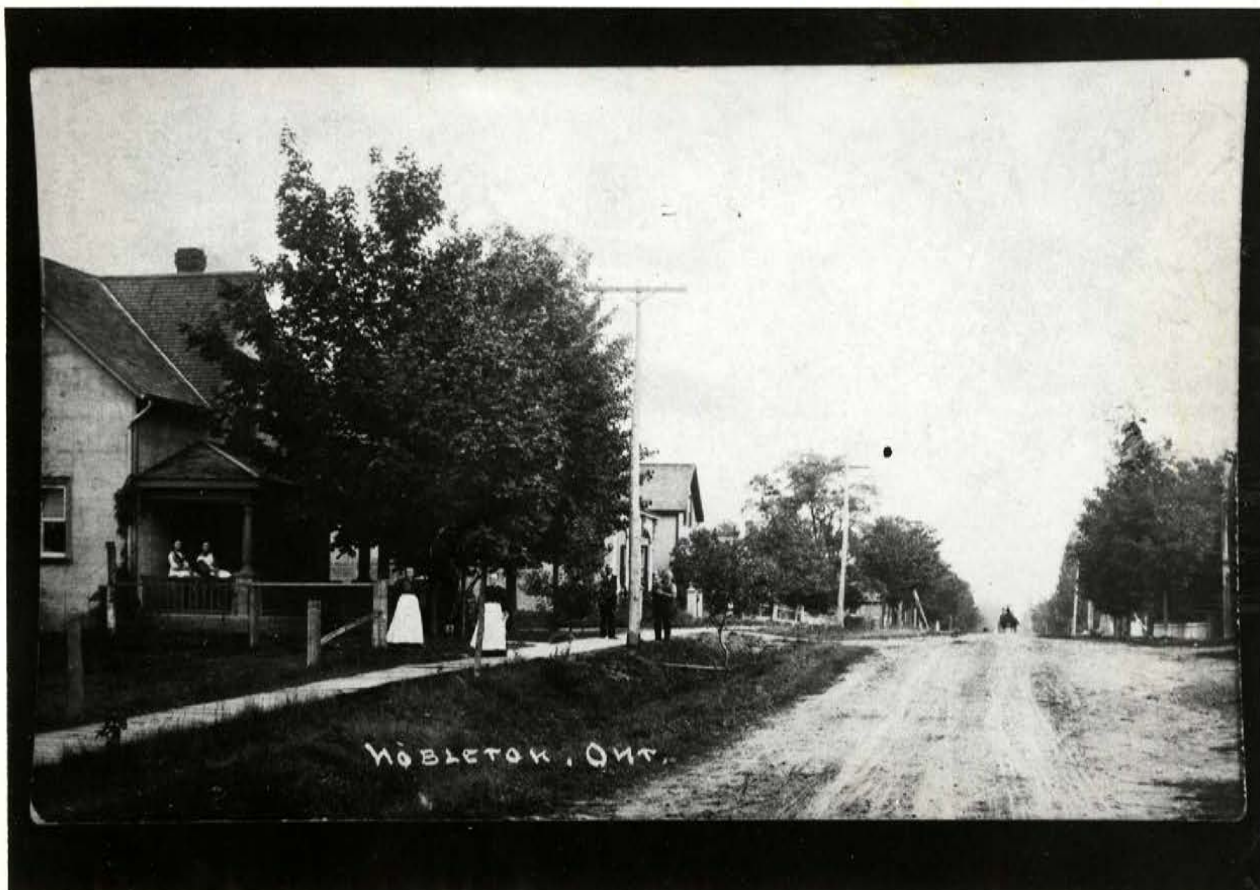
Stokes Chamberlain, fifth child of William and Alice, married Verna Williams. They farmed on Lot 2, Con. 10 King, from 1927 to 1959. They have a daughter Joan and a son Roger. Joan married William Kerr, a farmer in Vaughan, they have a daughter Virginia, married to Stanley Knapp of Woodbridge, and a son Tom at home.

Roger married Mary Lou Schaefer of Bolton. They reside in Peterborough and have a family of four - Neil, Scott, Jennifer and Dean. Stokes expired in 1968.

Reuben Chamberlain, the youngest son, inherited the homestead Lot 8, Con. 10. He married Otilla Archer of Elmvale, they were blessed with two sons and three daughters. Mary, the eldest, married Hugh Sheardown and lives in Nobleton raising three sons - Wayne, Scott and Dairen. Ida married Murray Pearson, they live in Toronto where Ida teaches school.

Hilda, the youngest, attends University and the boys Archie and Bob, are well known for their flying activities, they live at home.

Hilda, the youngest child of William and Alice, married Richard Housego of Toronto. They met when he taught school at Linton in 1928. They raised two sons - Richard and Edward (Dick and Ted) presently on the teaching staff in Toronto. Dick is married to Rosemary Davis and they have three daughters and one son James. Ted married Gail Lindsay and have two daughters Leslie and Lindsay.



The old Arena demolished in 1976

The Chapman Family

Tom Chapman was a native of Lincolnshire, England, born in November 1866. He came to Canada in 1885 at the age of nineteen, living in Toronto Junction and working to learn the butcher business. He first worked for H. Wickson and then Fred Rowntree. Later he launched into business for himself. He was active in politics, serving on the Toronto Junction council for four years. He married Annie Lascelles and after many years in the butchering trade, he decided to leave this business. In 1909 he moved his wife and family to the farm Lot 1-Concession 10, King Township which was formerly owned by Oliver Train.

His greatest interest was the church, especially the Sunday School, where he taught for over fifty years in Nobleton United Church. In winter he often walked from the farm to teach his Bible class when the roads were blocked with snow.

In 1942 he retired from farming and moved to Nobleton where he had a small garden and kept a few pigs until he died in 1957 at the age of ninety. His wife pre-deceased him in 1937. They had three sons and one daughter: Fred, Frank, Muriel and Gordon. Both Fred and Frank served during World War One in France and Russia. There are eleven grandchildren, thirteen great grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren.

Fred married Irene Whorley and they lived on the Tenth of King, Lot 4 for many years. They later moved to

Haileybury with their family, Margaret, Ruth and Robert.

Irene died in 1969 and Fred still lives in Haileybury with his son Bob. Margaret (Mrs. Olson) now lives in Tillsonburg and Ruth (Mrs. Durkee) lives in Ohio in the United States.

Frank married the former Olive Hill and they lived in Nobleton until his death in August 1958. They had three children: Mary (Mrs. F. Ball), and Jim and Larry at home. They also had a son Peter who died in infancy.

Muriel married Jack Wallace of Woodbridge. She passed away in 1938. They had three children: George (deceased), Eleanor (Mrs. Maltby) of Thornton and Doris (Mrs. Oakley) of Castlemore.

Gordon is still on the family farm, with his wife, the former Madeline Jackson, their daughter Judy and son John and wife Doris (nee Westbrook) and family.

CHERRY FAMILY HISTORY

BY: Bessie Agar

Around about 1837 Mr. and Mrs. Cherry cam to York County from County Down near Belfast, Ireland. Where they settled in York County is unknown to me. They had five boys: James, John, Samuel, Moses, and one whose name is unknown. Moses and James Cherry are buried in Nobleton Cemetery. Moses never married. James married Isabella Bell, also a native of Ireland. All of their three children were born on the 10th concession of King. James married Kate McCallum. Sarah married Duncan McCallum. Two of her family live in Schomberg - (Miss) Kate and Roy. Sarah's third child, (doctor) John, lives in Canton, Pennsylvania. John, the third child of James and Isabella, married Mary Curtis who passed away later on. John's second wife's name was Isabella Kennedy. He had a family of eleven, all being born on the 10th concession of King township. All of his children went to live in Western Canada with the exception of James, Pearl and Marjorie. Marjorie who never married now lives in Schomberg. Pearl married Lorne Ellison. Both Pearl and Lorne are both dead now. Their family consisted of Tom, Jack and Audrey. Tom and Jack live in King township and Audrey (Mrs. Edgar Fuller) lives at Tottenham. William, another son of John and Isabella, came back to Ontario in later years and is buried in Bolton Cemetery. James Cherry married Annie Atkinson in 1914. They had eight of a family: John (died at the age of two in 1918), Bessie, Joyce, Arthur, Mae, Lorne, June, and Phyrne. The family was born and raised in Nobleton, Ontario. James Cherry passed away in March 1960 in his 82th year. Mrs. Cherry was living in Nobleton until recently (1972).

and is buried in
Nobleton Cemetery

She is now living at the Willows Nursing Home in Aurora, Ontario. Bessie married Charles Agar in 1948 and they live in Nashville, Ontario. They have twins, Beth and Ernest, born in 1951. Joyce married Lorne Maw in 1942 and they live in Bolton, Ontario. They have no children. Arthur married Jean White in 1948 and they live in Ceylon, Ontario. They have five children: Stephen (1949), Marion (1950), Brenda (1952), Tim (1956), and Kent (1958). Marion married Frank Ireton in 1970, and they live in Owen Sound. They have a son, Ian, born in 1972. Stephen married Joan Trew in 1971 and they live in Bealleiboro, Ontario. Mae married Roy McCabe in 1944 and they live in Bolton, Ontario. They have two children: Jimmy (1944), and Yvonne (1946). Yvonne married Art Wood in 1966 and they live at Tottenham, Ontario. They have a daughter, Rhonda, born in 1969. Lorne never married and lives in Nobleton, Ontario. June married Dave Smith in 1954 and they live in Rexdale, Ontario. They have one daughter, Lynne, born in 1955. Phyrne married Edward Hebor in 1956 and they live in Rexdale, Ontario. They have one daughter, Heather, who was born in 1957.

THE DOBSON FAMILY

John Dobson was born in Baildon, Yorkshire, England in the year 1792. He married Hannah Fairbank of the same place. Their son, James Dobson, born June 1, 1839, came to Canada and in 1861 married Matilda Wright in the parsonage of J.F.A.S. Fayette in Tecumseh Township. Matilda was the daughter of William & Elizabeth Wright. William Wright was born 1800 in County Managhan, Ireland. Mr. & Mrs James Dobson lived in Tecumseh where their family were born, moved to Kleinburg and later to Alberta and homesteaded at Innisfil. Their son, Francis Reuben Dobson, who was born July 9, 1875 stayed here and in 1898 married Elizabeth Thompson, daughter of Mr. & Mrs Henry Thompson who farmed on the 11th Concession of King Township. Her brother Henry Thompson owned the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot 6, Con 10, James the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot 7, Con 10, and Alfred the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot 6, Con 11, Township of King.

Frank and Elizabeth Dobson lived in Nobleton until 1908, when they bought the present Dobson farm, 1 mile south of Nobleton on the east side of Highway 27. Later they bought the 100 acre Mitchell farm to the North. Frank Dobson was a builder by trade and built a number of houses and barns in the district, also bricked and plastered the Kleinburg United Church. He was an Orangeman and a Black Knight. Mr. & Mrs Dobson were active and devoted members of the old Methodist Church and after Church Union of the Nobleton United Church. Mrs Dobson was a Life Member of the W.A. and Frank Dobson, an elder of the Church until his death. They had 6 children, Frank Reuben, Wilbert, Gertrude Gladys (deceased 1906) and Mildred, all born in Nobleton, and Howard born on the farm. Wilbert and Howard stayed on the farm, while their brother and sisters married and moved away.

In 1933 Howard married Ellen Westover of Weston. They made their home at the farm and had 2 sons, Thomas and Edgar, and 1 daughter Dana. Tom and Edgar played hockey and baseball for Nobleton.

Tom received a Degree in Business Engineering at the University of Toronto and is a Junior Executive with Ford Motor Company of Canada. Edger graduated from Ryerson Institute in Electrical Engineering and is the London Manager for Power Regulator Company of Canada. Dana graduated from Weston High School and married D.Howard Winder of Weston.

On January 26. 1958, Frank and Elizabeth Dobson celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary and on April 25, 1958, Mrs Dobson died. Frank continued in good health until his death on September 8, 1964.

Howard and Wilbert were in the milk business till 1969 when they sold the north 100 acres, retaining the original Dobson farm where they still grow grain and fatten beef cattle. In their possession are the Crown Deeds from George III of the farms.

Ellen Dobson worked for the Township of King for more than 18 years until her retirement in 1972, at which time she held the position of Deputy-Treasurer of the Township of King.

Howard and Ellen Dobson are both active members of the Nobleton United Church. Howard has been an Elder since his Father's death. During a trip to England in 1970, they visited the church and graveyard at Baildon in Yorkshire and found a head stone on which Howard's Great Grandfathers and Great Grandmother's deaths in 1862 and 1850 respectively were recorded. This headstone recorded the death of Sarah Fairbank, April 9, 1801, aged 78 years, also William Fairbank who died May 3, 1803, aged 80 years. Sarah and William Fairbank were Frank Dobson's Great-Great Grandparents.

EMMERSON FAMILY AND STORE

Oliver Emmerson was a prominent business man in Nobleton for forty years.

Born at Donald, Ontario, he was the eldest son of Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Emmerson. Before coming to this area he worked in a chemical factory at Donald.

In July 1928 his father purchased a store in Pottageville, Ontario. It was there, while helping his father, he became interested in store-keeping.

In December 1932 he came to Nobleton and rented the store formerly operated by George Hill. Two years later he married Miss Lydia Jarvis, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. John Jarvis of Pottageville.

In 1939 he bought the residence owned and previously occupied by Mr. E.J. Kaake. With a few alterations it was turned into a general store and later exclusively a Groceteria until his retirement in March 1972 which completed forty years of business in Nobleton.

Oliver was a very efficient merchant and highly respected in the community, he carried first quality merchandise and endeavoured to please the public at all times.

He took a keen interest in community affairs and an active part in the church. He was ably assisted with the business by his wife Lydia.

The Emmersons have three sons - Donald who resides north of King City. Kenneth and Carl live in Nobleton.

In the fall of 1973 work was begun which reconverted the store back to a dwelling where Oliver's widow currently resides.

THE FRY FAMILY

Charles Fry, a native of Somerset, England, immigrated to Canada in 1832 at the age of twenty-eight. Five years later, he married Mary Ann Snook, daughter of William John Snook. Mary Ann had come to Canada with her father about the same time as her future husband. After marriage, she and Charles resided all their years in Nobleton and district, farming on Lot 11, Conc. 9, now located on highway twenty-seven. Their family consisted of four sons and four daughters; the first was Elizabeth (1838 - 1914), then followed by John (1840 - 1916), Mary (1843 - 1930), Sarah Ann (1846 - 1847), Jennie (1849 - 1907), Henry (1851 - 1931), Thomas (1853 - 1926), and James (1856 - 1938). Charles Fry died on the farm on January 21, 1888 at the age of eighty-four years. His wife Mary Ann died on February 11, 1908, aged ninety-seven, while her father had passed away on February 15, 1862 at the age of seventy - seven. All three died in Nobleton, and are buried in the old original Lloydtown Anglican Cemetery. Mr. Fry was a Conservative in politics and a member of the Church of England.

Their eldest child, Elizabeth (1838 - 1914) married David Hesp (1832 - 1903) of Bolton and had eight children: Harry Hesp (1856 - 1945), Maria Hesp (1858 - 1916), Charles Hesp (1860 - 1923), John Hesp (1864 - 1946), Mary Hesp (1865 - 1949), Louise (1869 - 1944), Sarah Hesp (1870 - 1953), and Thomas Hesp (1874 - 1951). Harry (1856 - 1945) married Isabella Wauchope, had two sons, Forest of Western Canada, and an infant son Edward who passed away at birth with his mother in 1890. Some few years later, he married Susanna Williamson, they had a family of three; Roy of Bolton, a daughter Olive who drowned in the Bolton Humber River in 1905 at the age of eight years, and another son Charles. Maria Hesp (1858 - 1916) married John Rutledge, and had three children; Laura, Stanley, and Pearle. Charles Hesp (1860 - 1923) married Ida Ireland and they had four children; Velma, Della, Gladys, and Hilda. John Hesp (1864 - 1946) married Annie Newton and they had six children; Isabella, Stanley, Ethel, Annie, Wesley, and William. Mary

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Hesp (1865 - 1949) married James Galvin and had five children; James, Edgar, Ernest, Ambrose, and Lillian. Louise Hesp (1869 - 1944) married George Murray and had a family of three; Bertha, Laura, and David. Sarah Hesp (1870 - 1953) married Samuel Ireland and had two children; Vera and Edgar. Thomas Hesp (1874 - 1951) remained a bachelor.

The second child, John Fry (1840 - 1916), married Sarah Jane Breedon (1845 - 1926), and farmed in the Nobleton area on Lot 11, Conc. 8. Their family were ten in number; John Fry (1862 - 1932), Charles Fry (1866 - 1946), William Fry (1868 - 1932), Sarah Jane Fry (1870 - 1957), Elizabeth Fry (1872 - 1933), Susan Fry (1877 - 1970), James Fry (1878 - 1964), George Fry (1882 - 1964), Thomas Fry (1883 - 1887), and Iva Fry (1885 - 1953). John (1862 - 1932) married a young lady by the name of Kate Wade, and they lived in Newmarket, having nine children; William, Annie, Elmer, Olive, Eva, Sadie, Alvin, Edith, and Norman. Charles (1866 - 1946) and William (1868 - 1932) lived most of their lives farming in Western Canada. Sarah Jane (1870 - 1957) married James Simpson and lived on Gladstone Avenue in Toronto for many years. They had one daughter Laura, and a son Lorne who was killed in World War I. Elizabeth (1872 - 1933) married William Alcox, and farmed for many years near Markdale, Ontario, where they had their six children; Ross, Delbert, Leonard, Wellington, Stella, and Clarence. Susan (1877 - 1970) married Joseph Rogers and lived in Schomberg where they raised a family of six; Sadie, Jay, Ethel, Tilda, Jim and George. James (1878-1964) married Ada Redfern (a Nobleton dressmaker) and they farmed on Highway 27 and later retired to live in Nobleton, where they are both buried today. They had two children; Orma Simpson and Joyce Proctor. George (1882 - 1964) married Beatrice Culham, they farmed at Nobleton and later Nashville. They had a family of four; Iva, Ken, Clara, and Earl. Thomas (1883 - 1887) died an infant and is buried in the Methodist Cemetery to the west of Nobleton. The last child, Iva (1885 - 1953) married Edward Penfield and had three children; George, Ella, and Hazel.

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The third child, Mary Fry(1843 - 1930) married James Kaake of King Township, and they also had ten children; Sarah Jane (1864 - 1905), Mary (1866 - 1962), Henrietta (1869 - 1928), Edwin (1870 - 1945), Violet (1872 - 1962), Charles (1874 - 1924), Alymer (1877 - 1960), George (1879 - 1964), Clara (1881 - 1957), and Florence (1884 - 1974).. Sarah Jane Kaake (1864 - 1905) married Joseph Pringle of Nobleton, and had two children; Ella and Ruby. Mary Kaake (1866 - 1962) married George Robinson, and had a family of five; Jessie, Laura, Hattie, Lydia, and Thompson. Henrietta Kaake (1869 - 1928) married James Murray and had one son Lawrence. Edwin Kaake (1870 - 1945) married Sarah Jane Breedon, and was a cattle drover and butcher in Nobleton. He had five children; Reta, Leonard, Arthur, Murray, and Doris. Violet Kaake (1872 - 1962) married William Turner of Mount Dennis, and they had no children. Charles Kaake (1874-1924) married Ida Gilmour, and had one child Edwin. Alymer Kaake (1877 - 1960) married Sylvia Welles and there were four children to the marriage; Edna, Flossie, Wilbur, and Madeline. George Kaake (1879 - 1964) married Margaret Elizabeth Jeffery. George was in the shoe business, known as Castner and Kaake, in Toronto for many years, later retiring and living in East Toronto at the Beach. He had two children; Lawson and Norma. Clara Kaake (1881 - 1957) married Al Finny and had two sons; William and Douglas. Florence Kaake (1884 - 1974), the youngest, remained single and lived in Islington.

The fourth child, Jennie Fry(1849 - 1907) married George Holden, the well known village blacksmith of Nobleton. His shop is now re-located in the Pioneer Village where Mr. Holden's grandson Norman Rose is the blacksmith. Their children were five in all; Willie Arthur (1880 - 1881), Margaret Viola (1883 - 1955), Charles Melville (1885 - 1957), Mary Ann (1887 - 1892), and Myrtle (1890 - 1940). Margaret (1883 - 1955) married William Rose of Nobleton and had a family of three; Harold (King Township Clerk), Norman, and Kathleen. Charles Holden (1885 - 1957) married Elizabeth Ezard and they had three children; Winnifred, Albert, and Ethel. Some years after his first wife's death, he married Maude Cooper. Myrtle Holden (1890 - 1940) married

George Extence of Bolton and they had two daughters; Margaret and Helen.

The sixth child was Henry Fry (1851 - 1931), who married Matilda Jane Addison of Kleinburg on April 30, 1879. The late Major Lex Mackenzie was her nephew. Their home was on Henry's father's farm, Lot 11 Conc. 9, King Township, where they raised their five children; Charles (1880 - 1968), Ethel (1882 - 1951), Florence (1885 - 1961), Ella (1888 -), and Donald (1900 -). Charles Fry (1880 - 1968) married Mabel McCutcheon and had four children; Harry, Jean, Mae, and William. Ethel Fry (1882 - 1951) married Robert Norman (a school teacher) and they lived all their lives in the United States, where they had two daughters Helen and Madeline. Florence Fry (1885 - 1961) married Alexander Cameron, a farmer and a real good natured Scotchman from Vellore in Vaughan Township, and had two children; Anne and Ross. Ella Fry (1888 -) married Alexander Lawrence, a salesman from Woodbridge, and they had two sons; Addison and Bruce. Mrs. Lawrence is now a resident of Carefree Lodge, Willowdale. Donald (1900 -), the youngest, married Cecil Johnson, an accountant of Toronto, in 1941. Six years after his death in 1955, she married Forest Kaake of Nobleton, where they now reside.

The seventh child, Thomas Fry (1853 - 1926), lived in Nobleton where he carried on his trade of a carpenter. He married Christina Barry and had a family of five; Edna (1891 - 1900), Ruben (1892 - 1964), Letticia (1894 - 1963), John Milton (1897 - 1898), and Russell Aaron (1899 -). Edna (1891 - 1900) passed away as a result of an appendicitis. Letticia (1894 - 1963) married Harry Courtney and had six children; Bessie, Jessie, Norma, Hazel, Carl, and Douglas. Ruben (1892 - 1964) homesteaded at Hughton, Saskatchewan, and remained a bachelor. He was joined in 1918 by his brother Russell (1899 -), who married Emma Knight and had three children; Aaron, Jean, and James. Russell continued on farming until 1968 when he retired to Ladysmith, British Columbia.

The eighth and youngest child of Charles and Mary Ann Fry, James Fry (1856 - 1938), married Alice Woods, and farmed on Lot 10, Conc, 8, the south-east corner of highway twenty-seven and fifteen sideroad, better known as Frys' sideroad. They had six children; Clara (1888 - 1958), Norman (1889 - 1971), Laura (1892 -), Howard (1894 - 1973), Lyman (1897 -), and Dorothy (1909 -). Clara (1888 - 1958) married Walter Sloan, farmed at Bell's Lake, and had one son Murray and an adopted daughter Lorna. Norman Fry (1889 - 1971), a bachelor, lived on the home farm until his death. Laura (1892-) married Reginald Wood of Aurora and had two children; Beth and Alan. Howard (1894 - 1973) married Minnie Watson of Aurora and had one adopted son Donald. Lyman (1897 -), having been married twice before, is now living in Nobleton with his third wife Addie Woods. Dorothy (1909 -) married Stanley Phillips of Woodbridge, and had a family of three; Shirley, Norman, and Sandra.

Although there are few in the community who still bear the Fry name, numerous descendents are to be found in the Nobleton district.



The Ninth

THE GOODFELLOW FAMILY

In the year 1897, Mary Beatty Cherry, daughter of James Cherry and his wife Elizabeth Sheardown, was married to Adam Goodfellow of Albion. They spent the first year of their married life in Adjala Township. Then they moved to Nobleton, bringing the name Goodfellow to this area.

Adam Goodfellow bought the farm they occupied, from Mr. Hambly in 1898. The buildings were in poor condition but they resided in the house for one year. Then they leased the farm to the north of them from Mr. Robinson for three years and moved into the house on this farm. A new barn was built on the newly purchased farm in 1901, most of the timbers used were hewn from logs cut from a wood lot owned by James Cherry also lumber sawed from the same wood lot.

The new house was built in 1904; it contained 30,000 bricks bought from Norton's Brickyard in Bolton for \$7.00 per 1000. The Goodfellows now had good and comfortable buildings to continue farming. Hydro was installed in the thirties.

Five sons were born from this union - Harold, Howard, Borden, Lorne and Kenneth. Harold and Borden remained single and are successful farmers, remaining on the homestead. Adam Goodfellow passed away September 5th 1936 and his wife on September 19th 1948.

Howard farmed with his aunt Mrs. H. Hambly for seven or eight years. Then he went into partnership with his brother Lorne, buying the General Store from Harold Pringle in 1926, which also had the local Post Office. This partnership lasted until 1949. The business progressed and many changes took place. Lorne married Mary Beaton of Durham, Ont. in 1927 and they had one son, Beaton. Lorne was politically minded and entered King Township Council in 1935, serving four years as Councillor, seven years as Deputy, Reeve, four years as Reeve and was elected Warden of York County in 1949.

After selling the business in 1949 to Donald Kaake, Howard and Lorne dissolved partnership. Lorne built a new home south on 27 highway and continued to operate the Post Office. In 1950 he was employed by the Department of Highways, as an inspector of road construction. Mrs. Goodfellow continued on with the work of the Post Office. As time went on, the village grew and there was need for a larger office, so they built a spacious home across the highway. With ample office space, Mrs. Goodfellow, with the help of Mrs. E. Robinson, continues with the work and Lorne is still with the Department of Highways (1965)

Howard was a lover of horses and had a flourishing business in the buying and selling of them until farms and highways became mechanized. He married Nellie Dove of Schomberg in 1956 and continued to live in Nobleton. He also bought a farm on the 16th sideroad which has since been sold and divided into 10 acre lots. After the death of his aunt, Mrs. Hambly, Howard bought her home where he now resides. He buys small domestic animals for the Connaught Laboratories for research purposes.

Kenneth, the youngest son, served with the R.C.A.F. from 1940 to 1945. After his discharge he married Jean Sommers, whose home was in Manitoba but she had come to Ontario and was teaching at the local school. He is a natural-born dealer and besides several land transactions is now in partnership with his brother-in-law James Witherspoon in the Imperial Garage and Wholesale Automotive Supplies. He also has a license to buy and sell livestock on the Union Stockyards in Toronto. They have three children - Janice, Lee Ann, and John. They now reside in a large two-story dwelling on 27 highway.

"The Hambly Family"

Hambly was a well known name in the Nobleton Community for many years as four Hambly brothers settled there in the 1830's. But, now in 1971 there is not a Hambly or their decendant living in the Nobleton area. It used to be said that far away fields were green to the Hamblys are scattered all over the face of the North American Continent. As they are so widely scattered contacts have been broken and it is very difficult to gather information on the family. A few facts are known and these will give some idea of their part in the community.

The Hamblys were United Empire Loyalists who came up from the States and settled in Nova Scotia. In 1828, they came up to York, Upper Canada, now Toronto, and made their home there. Later, four brothers settled in King Township and another brother settled in the Queen's bush afterwards a sister married Woodbury Card and lived in Weston and later moved to Scott Township.

Charles Hambly settled on Lot 2, Concession 9 of King Township, George Hambly settled on Lot 3, Concession 9 and William Hambly settled on Lot 4, Concession 9, before 1835. In 1836, John Oscar Hambly and his wife Catherine and little daughter settled on the West half Lot 8 on Concession 9. It is known that a few years after coming to York that Charles Hambly purchased 200 acres of land in King Township from the Canada Company. As there was so much bush and so few settlers, he had to absolutely cut his way to his property. As the three brothers took up land side by side it is assumed that they came up together and under similar circumstances. By hardwork and perseverance the four brothers converted their property into good productive farms and built comfortable homes.

John Oscar Hambly was born in Newport, Nova Scotia, near Windsor and across the basin from Halifax, on January 23, 1809. He settled on Lot 8, Concession 9, the west half, in King Township, in 1836 and lived there until his death on May 19, 1889. When he first settled there he used to put a bag of wheat on his shoulders and walk to the mill in Hog's Hollow to have it ground into flour. He would then put the bag of flour on his shoulders and walk home. In those early days when Mrs. J. O. Hambly needed anything, she had to buy, she had to walk to Schomberg and back following a blazed trail through the woods.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Hambly's first home was a log house. It was burned to the ground and they lost nearly all of their possessions including the things which had been brought up from Nova Scotia and the framed wreaths of flowers made of wool by Mrs. J. O. Hambly. John Oscar then built the stone house which is still the farm residence.

John Oscar Hambly was a Wesleyan Methodist and attended the Church-on-the-Hill as it was called, which was located one half mile west of Nobleton. He was one of the Trustees of this church when the land for the church and burying ground were purchased from

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Samuel Sheardown in April 1845 and was also a Trustee when an additional one quarter acre was purchased in 1874. He attended this church until death and both he and his wife Catherine and some of their family were buried in the burying grounds. John Oscar Hambly joined the York Pioneers in 1882. Mrs. J. O. Hambly died December 1874.

John Oscar and Catherine Hambly had nine children to them -- Amanda, Thomas, Allen, Lydia, Desiree, Ellen, Lois, William L., Ann, Charles and Mary Mylinda.

Mary Mylinda died when she was 19 years old and Charles when he was 27 years old. Ann never married and stayed at home with her parents.

Thomas Allen married Celia Elviss in December 1869. They farmed the fifty acres which was the north half of the East part of Lot 6, Concession 10, King Township; until a few years after Mrs. J. O. Hambly died and then they moved in with John Oscar and Ann and Thomas farmed the homestead until he died in February 1891.

Thomas Oscar, called John, Arthur, Henry and Walter. Walter died when he was eleven years old. John Oscar, married Agnes Wilkie, daughter of Angus Wilkie, Nobleton. They had no family. He clerked in Jeffrey's store in Bolton for some years and then went west where he kept store in Gull Lake, Saskatchewan for fifteen (15) years. (John and Henry belonged to Nobleton Band).

Henry Hambly went West and farmed at Gull Lake, Saskatchewan, but after some years he came back East and bought a farm at King City. He died in 1934. He married Merle Campbell, daughter of Jerome Campbell of Kinghorn. They had four children -- Hazel, Walter, Martha and John.

Arthur Hambly stayed at home with his mother and farmed the farm for her until he bought the farm in 1899. His mother stayed with him and kept house for him until he married in June 1902. She then, moved to Bolton and John lived with her there until she died in Aug. 1909. Arthur married Myretta Irwin, daughter of William Irwin, Nobleton. They had one daughter, Merle.

Mr. and Mrs. Hambly were Methodist and took an active part in the Church life. Arthur took a very active part in the building of the Church in 1896, helping draw the brick and attending the work bees. He was a member of the Parsonage Committee of Kleinburg Circuit for the Nobleton Church. He sold the farm to William F. McCutcheon and moved to Kleinburg in March 1909.

Lydia Hambly married Charles Hambly, son of William Hambly, of Nobleton who kept a General Store in Nobleton for a number of years and then moved to Toronto. They had one daughter.

Desiree Ellen Hambly married Joseph Elviss and they had eleven children -- William, Thomas, George, Charles, John, James, Gordon, Lydia, Mary, Estella and Sarah. Mr. and Mrs. Elviss farmed at Nobleton from the time they were married until the family were grown up. After some of the family had gone West, Mr. and Mrs. Elviss and the rest of the family moved to the West as well.

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William Hambly married Annie Walker of Aurora and they had two sons. He kept store in Tottenham and then went West and kept store there, as he had done here.

Amanda Hambly married John Lockart Card and they farmed in Vaughan Township. They sold the farm and moved to Portland, Oregon in 1885. They had born to them, seven sons and two daughters.

Lois Hambly married Daniel Card and they farmed in Scott Township. They had three sons and four daughters.

Charles Hambly was born on February 18, 1808 and had purchased the 200 acres, Lot 2, Concession 9, in King Township and was settled there before 1835 and lived there for the rest of his long life. By 1885 he had purchased 600 more acres and had it under the plough and in spite of serious loss by fire, he had accumulated a large estate. His barn was hit by lightning and burned in July 1871.

Charles Hambly was a Primitive Methodist and attended this church which stood at the north end of Nobleton, west side, where the cemetery now lies. It was known as the Rough Cast Church. Charles Hambly was one of the trustees of this church when the land was bought from John Hawman in January 1852 to build the church on. This church had a flourishing Sunday School, called "The United Sunday School". Charles Hambly was it's Superintendent and Bible Class teacher for many years. He never allowed a collection to be taken but, paid all the expenses himself including prizes. He served on the Township Council and was a Reformer in politics.

Charles Hambly married Miss Mary Ann Hambly, daughter of William Hambly in 1833. They had seven children - William, Edwin Charles, David, John, James, Bella, and Elizabeth. Two of the children, David and Bella were mutes and attended the School for the Deaf and Dumb at Bellville.

Charles Hambly built two houses on his farm. The first was a long frame house without verandas and the second was a fine, large brick house built just a little north of the frame house. Both houses are still residences.

William S. Hambly married Violet Young and lived in the States. Alvira Corinne and Charles Ranson were their children. Mrs. Hambly made her home with her neice, Mrs. John Dean, Nobleton, in the later years of her life.

Edwin Charles Hambly married Louisa Oberling of Kleinburg and they farmed the north half of Lot 34, Concession 9, Vaughan, Township. They had two sons, Elmer, who was a dentist in Toronto and Herman who took over the farm in 1900.

Herman married Sarah Cherry, daughter of James Cherry, Kleinburg. After Herman's death in 1912, Mrs. Hambly continued to farm the farm for 28 years, until she sold it in 1940 to George Irwin. She then built a bungalow in Nobleton and lived there until her death. They had no family but, adopted a daughter, Lottie, who married Clarence Hoover and lived in Nobleton.

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Edwin Hambly was the Superintendent of the Sunday School held in Mount Lebanon School House during the 1880's and most of the 1890's.

David Hambly married Susan Speirs, also a mute. They had no children but, took their neice and nephew Mary and John Leeson to live with them. They lived on the original farm Lot 2, until their deaths. David in May 21, 1970, and Susan on April 25, 1925, and after their deaths they left the farm to Mary as she had stayed with them and cared for them. David lived in the big brick house and for many years rented the farm and the tenants lived in the frame house.

John Hambly married a Mary Leeson and they had three daughters, Alma, Clara, and Louise. He farmed Lot 1, Concession 10, for some years and then moved into Nobleton into the large brick house on the north,west corner of Nobleton's four corners. He moved to St. Thomas in 1904. John Hambly was Superintendent of the Methodist Sunday School for some years until he moved away. His daughters took an active part in the Epworth League.

James Hambly married Rosamond Childs and farmed one of his father's farms. They had two children, David and Harriet. His wife died when the children were small and he continued to farm with a housekeeper. Both David and Hattie went West and stayed there and later James went too and died there.

Bella Hambly married a Mr. Leeson, a brother of Mrs. John Hambly's. Both Bella and her husband were mutes. They had two normal children, John and Mary. After their parents death they made their home with David Hambly, their Uncle John Leeson went to the States. Mary Leeson stayed with her Uncle David and when she married John Dean he came to live with them and farmed the farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean stayed with and cared for Mr. and Mrs. David Hambly until their death and when they died they left the farm to Mary. Mr. and Mrs. Dean stayed on the farm until her death in August 1939 and then the farm was sold. Mr. and Mrs. Dean lived in the brick house and for some years before Mary died they rented the farm and the tenants lived in the frame house.

John and Mary Dean had no family but, adopted a son, Ray.

Elizabeth Hambly married Samuel Egan, a farmer at Bolton. They had one son, Charles.

George Hambly Lot 3, Concession 9, King Township.

George Hambly was born in Nova Scotia in 1805 and lived 99 years. He had settled in King Township before 1835 on Lot 3, Concession 9, He brought these 200 acres from bush to a good productive farm. He built the brick house which is now there on the front half. He sold the farm in 1879 to Alex. Mactaggart and he moved to Toronto where he lived until his death. He was a Wesleyan Methodist and attended the Church - on - the Hill, and was one of the Trustees of this church when additional land was purchased in 1874. He married Harriet Lewis and they had one son, Edwin and four daughters, Jennie, Mary, Carrie and Amelia. Edwin went to Toronto when a young man and never married.

William Hambly Lot 4, Concession 9, King Township.
William Hambly settled on Lot 4, Concession 9, King Township before 1835, but little information is available about him. As far as it can be ascertained, he was the oldest of the family and had a large family himself. It is understood that most of his family left Nobleton and went into the world to make their way as soon as they were able.

By Tremaine's map of the County of York Canada West, Published by George C. Tremaine in 1860 he appears to have sold the West half of Lot 4, Concession 9, and William owned the north 50 acres of the East half of Lot 4, Concession 9, and a John Hambly owned the South 50 acres of the East half. This property it is understood passed from one Hambly to another until 1898 when Adam Goodfellow bought the East half, Lot 4, from a Charles Hambly. The York County Gazette, and Directory for 1870-71 shows William Hambly owning front or East half of Lot 6, Concession 9, King Township.

John Hambly on the South 50 acres of East half of Lot 4, Concession 9, was as far as can be learned, a son of William Hambly. John had a large family, William Seamore and Milton were some of his children.

Charles S. Hambly son of William kept a General Store in Nobleton for many years and then moved to Toronto. Charles married Catherine Lewis of Schomberg, a sister of Mrs. George Hambly. Charles and Catherine had three sons and a daughter. Elwood, George Albert and Ella. His wife, Catherine died in May 1870. Later Charles married Lydia Hambly, daughter of John Oscar Hambly and they had one daughter, Annie.

Charles Hambly built the store in Nobleton and also built the large brick house in Nobleton on the north-west corner of Highway no. 27 and Bolton sideroad. By 1870 he also owned the front half of Lot 6, Concession 8, King Township. Charles was also the Post Master for many years. Charles' family grew up in Nobleton and the boys helped their father in the store. Elwood and George attended Hamilton High School. After graduating Elwood taught school at Linton. George and Elwood were both married in the same year and when they married they took the business from their father and lived together above the store for a year or more. Then Charles moved to Toronto and George moved into the fathers house on the corner. They continued to keep store for another year or little more and then George moved to Schomberg and Elwood to Toronto. George later moved to Toronto.

Elwood Hambly married Julietta Spiers, a sister of Mrs. David Hambly. They had four children, Gladys, Laura, Frank, and Ernest. Gladys was born in Nobleton. George Hambly married Margaret Louise Reeve of Warton and they had three children, Olive, Marion, and Lewis Reeve. Olive was born in Nobleton. Albert and Ella were at home in Nobleton until they grew up but then moved to Toronto and later to the States.

HAWMAN FAMILY

The Hawmans came from Pennsylvania of German descent. Our earliest records 1860 show Gabriel Hawman owned Lot 1, rear concession 10, King Township. John Hawman owned 200 acres lots 6 and 7 rear concession 10 King Township. John donated the property for the Old Primitive Methodist Church Cemetary on the Bolton road. Also part of the Nobleton Community Cemetary on Highway 27 was given by this gentleman.

The son of one of these men, William Hawman born 1847 married Mary Ann Stewart. They farmed near Purpleville in the 1870's. They had seven children - Margaret, Stewart, William, Gabriel, Herbert, Edgar, and Elwood twins and Edna.

Margaret married William Copothorn having five children - Jennie, Herbert, Lyman, Etta and Eva. Lyman married Pearl Bell and was a resident of Nobleton following his farming career in Vaughan Township.

Stewart married Hannah Breedon. They lived on the tenth concession of King until they bought a farm at Kleinburg. They had seven of a family. Delbert, Olive (Mrs. Carl Shaw) Velma, Ewart, Ormy, Kenneth and Henry.

William Gabriel was born in 1876 at Purpleville. He married Elizabeth Ann Breedon in 1901. Their nine children are Myrtle, Herschell, Henry, Thomas, Merle, Pearl, Orma, Madeline and Marshall.

Myrtle married George Bell a farmer in Vaughan. They have two girls and two boys.

Herschell never married and was a veteran of World War 11.

Henry married Peggy Whan, they have one son and reside in Toronto.

Thomas married Macel Palmer, they have eight children. Merle married Herman Kelly a farmer and they have one daughter .

Pearl married Herbert Hilliard of Kleinburg. They have three sons. Orma died at the prime of life.

Madeline married Templeton Mactaggart, they have a son and a daughter.

Marshall married Violet McBain and have two girls.

Mr. Hawman rented several farms around Nobleton until he purchased property on concession 10 in Vaughan township. On his retirement to Nobleton, son Thomas took over the farm. History repeated itself when Tom retired and his son William took over the farm. However, the farm has been sold and William continues farming near Peterborough.

Herbert Hawman married Annie McCarroll, they had one daughter.

Alma married Harold Long, they have one son William.

Edgar and Elwood never married.

Edna married Wilbert Allan farming in the Bolton district. They had thirteen children - Mildred, Gladys, Garnet, Leonard, Myrtle, Viola, Jim, Jack, Ronald, Alvin and three who died in infancy.

Gladys married George Malloy of Nobleton, they had a daughter and a son.

"Hill Family"

Moses Hill brought his family to Canada from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, United States about 1855. They settled in the Sharon area and were followers of the Quaker religion. George was 14 years old at the time, learned the trade of a carpenter and followed that trade most of his life.

George married Christina McKinnon in 1864. Christina's family lived on a farm in the Nobleton district, Concession 8, Lot 7. George and Christina moved to Newmarket after their marriage and their first child was born there. Then when this boy was two years old, George and Christina moved to the farm on Lot 7, Concession 8. George continued to work as a carpenter and do some farming.

These are George and Christina's children: Arthur, Josephine, Wellington, Charles and George and Georgina who were twins. Georgina died as an infant, and after the twins birth, Christina's health was not good and she died that same year, 1881.

George married Jane Cutting on February 27, 1883, still living on the same farm at Lot 7, Concession 8, Jane taking over the care of Christina's children. Then the following children were born to George and Jane: Norman, Mary Aleda, who died as a small child, Annie, Cora and Albert.

As the family grew up, George and his sons went into farming. Arthur farmed south of Nobleton on Lot 5, Concession 8. Arthur married Janet McCallum in 1904. They had 3 sons, George, Arthur and Percy. This family have made their homes and livelihood here all their lives. George married Hazel Hoover and their children: Vera, Kenneth (deceased), Douglas and Wayne.

Vera married Bruce Clarke and are living in Nobleton. Doug is teaching at King City Secondary School. Wayne lives in Toronto. George died in 1968. Douglas married Margaret Thacker, and also lives in Nobleton. Arthur, the second son, married Annie Boak and they farmed until much of the land was used for building lots. Arthur and Annie live in the farm house. Their children were all boys: Larry, Kent, Raymond (deceased) and Terry. Larry and Kent are married and living away from this community. Terry is still in school.

Percy married Doris Kaake, a local girl. Their children: Marilyn, Edwin and Debra. Marilyn died in 1965. Edwin is married and lives in Montreal, Debra is a student in King City Secondary School. Percy operated a service station for several years and George and Percy had a grocery and meat business. They also operated an egg grading station. When they sold this business, George took over an insurance agency and real estate business, which he conducted until his death in 1968. Percy is a fuel oil dealer and distributor. Josephine married a western farmer and moved to Manitoba. Wellington moved away from Nobleton as a young man. George, the surviving twin, moved to the United States. Charles, married Jemima Chamberlain in 1904, and they came to the farm on Lot 7, Concession 8. George and Jane and family had moved into a house in the village. These are Charles and Jemima's children: Olive, Stella, Walter, Jean and Ross. Olive and Walter have and are still living in this community. Charles died in 1924. Jemima still continued to live and work the farm until the family were grown. Then Walter farmed there for many years. He married Ilene Smart in 1943. Their children are Deanna, Brenda, Caroline and Gregory. Walter sold the farm in 1964 and has moved to the village and lives on Lynwood Crescent. Olive married to Frank Chapman lives on Part of Lot 7, Concession 8. Their children are James, Mary, Peter (deceased) and Larry. Frank died in 1958. James and Larry live at home. Mary married to Frank Ball, living in Nobleton on Chinook Drive. Norman Hill living on the farm at Lot 7, Concession 9, married to Jennie Paar. Their oldest son, Henry Albert born July 11, 1914. Then another son May 1916. This baby died. Jennie also died at this time. Norman remarried in January 1918 to Margaret Mitchell and they had one daughter, Elizabeth who lives at the family home at this time. The farmland has been sold. Henry married Thelma Hart, living in this area a few years after their marriage, then moving to Toronto. They have three children, Charlene (deceased), Gary and Jeffery.

Elizabeth married Wilson Armstrong and they have two children Jim at home and Jean married to Roderick McLean, living in Bradford. Wilson died in December 1970.

Annie Hill married Frank Paar, moved to the Schomberg area. They had no children.

Cora Hill married Harold Pringle who was a local storekeeper most of his life. They had one daughter Gladwyn. Gladwyn married Keith Banting and is living in the village now. Their children are Barbara, Grant, Karen, Paula and David.

Albert Hill married to Ouida MacMurchy. Their children are Agnes, Shirley. These girls married and moved to Hamilton. Albert was a stock truck dealer and served the farmers in this area for many years. Then he opened a service station on his property in the village and carried on that business for some time. Albert died in 1963 and Ouida in 1968.



A home built by the Hambleys later occupied by the Hills

WILLIAM M.C. HODGSON

William Hodgson has been active in municipal politics for nineteen years. He has served the people of King Township on all committees in the King Township Council, as well as numerous committees and chairmanships outside of his municipal responsibilities.

Mr. Hodgson is of English-Scottish descent and is a lifelong resident of King Township, as were his parents. Mr. Hodgson was born March 18th, 1912, the son of Chris Hodgson and Annie Chamberlain of Nobleton. He was married March 28th, 1936, to the former Eliza Barker of Temperanceville. He has four children: Beth, a university of Toronto graduate, now Mrs. Wayne McClellan of Pottageville; Janice, an employee of the Imperial Bank of Commerce; Bob, a civil engineer employed by The Canadian Mitchell Associates; David, a University of Western Ontario graduate, is employed as assistant town clerk in Oakville.

Mr. Hodgson has owned and operated his dairy farm in the Kettleby district for the past 35 years. He is a former president of District Seven Milk Producers and a former member of the Schomberg Lions Club. A member of the York Curling Club, Newmarket, he also maintains an active interest in hockey, however, he has coached intermediate and minor teams in the Kettleby area and was manager of the King City provincial champions in 1954.

An active church worker, he was general chairman of the entire project of consolidating three historic United Churches into the new York Pines United Church at Kettleby. He has been an elder and clerk of session of the former Kettleby charge and is now a steward of the new church.

He entered municipal life in 1949 and served a total of thirteen years on King Township Council; three as a councillor, three as deputy reeve, and seven as reeve. In 1959 he was elected Warden of York County. Mr. Hodgson retired from municipal council in 1962 because of business reasons.

He has been chairman of the King Township Planning Board, and chairman of the Court of Révisions for the seven southern municipalities of York County. He has been a director of the York County Hospital for some years and a director of the Children's Aid Society. Mr. Hodgson was general chairman of the Building Committee of York Manor; is a director of the Schomberg Agricultural Society and past master of the Union Masonic Lodge, Schomberg.

He is a long time member of the York North Progressive Conservative Association and in 1966 the president of the York North Provincial Association. In 1963 he served as campaign manager for Major Lex MacKenzie.

Mr Hodgson was elected to represent York North in the legislature in 1967. He was re-elected for another term in 1971. In 1972 he was appointed by Premier W. Davis to head the Provinces Select Committee on Company Law.

Still a young man, William Hodgson has compiled an impressive record of public service. He has always been motivated by his desire to serve diligently those constituents who had placed their trust in him and in so doing has shown himself as a conscientious man with the ability and drive to represent his electors to the limit of his proven resources and considerable energies.

Bell's Lake 1970



Ken Mactaggart and Percy Hill

THE HOLDEN FAMILY

In compiling the history of the village of Nobleton, we must look to the men and women who have earnestly built the village we now reside in, one built out of what was once the wilderness of Upper Canada. Among the many old and numerous families who are part of our past, the family of my great-great-grandfather, Isaac Holden, played a contributing role.

Isaac Holden was born in Yorkshire, England, in 1828, being one of the twelve children of John and Jane Holden. Life was by no means easy in the England of those days, struggling through the uneasy times of the Industrial Revolution. Thus in 1832, John Holden, probably hard pressed by the way of life in his native land, emigrated from England and came to Canada, settling in the hills of the Blue Mountains, near Collingwood, Ontario. But no sooner had the family become established in their new life than tragedy struck these new Canadians, for John died shortly after arriving. Fortunately his wife Jane struggled on raising her large family and was rewarded with a long and happy life.

Their son Isaac left Collingwood to come to Nobleton in or around the year 1847. Here he married Christina Hawman, who gave birth to his nine children within the next eighteen years. They consisted of: John (1848 - 1914), George Arthur (1850 - 1934), Jane (1852 - ?), William Edward (1854 - 1912), Isaac Bertrum (1856 - 1924), Mary Elizabeth (1857 - 1897), Susannah (1859 - 1923), Wesley (1863 - 1910), and Norman Jacob (1866 - 1930). Isaac purchased a home on Lot 5, Conc. 8, in Nobleton and carried on his trade of butchering for a number of years. He continued his life in the village until his death on January 3, 1899, and was buried in Nobleton Community Cemetery beside his wife Christina who has predeceased him on October 20, 1887.

All of Isaac's family, except his second son George, moved away from their home-town as their father had done before them.

John and Wesley took up residence in Toronto, where John drove a horse-drawn streetcar in the downtown area, while Wesley worked at a delivery business. Jane and Mary both married and left Nobleton, while their sister Susannah married Samuel Baker of Bolton, and with him made her home in Buffalo, New York. William married Fanny J. Duke, and ran a hotel in Omeme, near Peterborough, while his brother, Norman, became a wealthy and prominent business man in Montreal, Quebec. Isaac B. turned out to be the black-sheep of the family. Being his father's namesake, he apprenticed with his father to become a butcher with the intention of taking over his business. But he was restless and with the opening up of the Canadian West at that time, combined with the adventure and different life style accompanied with it, Isaac left Nobleton and went West. He frequented many locations from Seattle, Washington, north to the Peace River and the Klondike, but eventually he returned home in 1924, where he died suddenly and was buried with his parents.

George A. Holden continued on living in Nobleton. In 1875 he married Margaret MacGillivray and together they purchased a home on part of Lot 6, Conc. 9, on the main street of town. Here George built a blacksmith shop beside his home and continued his trade which he had learnt with a Mr. Heacock of the 8th Concession, King. His family grew with the birth of a son Albert in 1877 and a daughter Laura in 1878. George joined the local Orange Lodge, was a regular attendant at the Church of England, and became one of our village's prominent and renowned citizens. But unfortunately, in 1879 he lost both his wife and daughter, and was later to lose his home by fire. But with the courage and strength of his forefathers, he rebuilt his home and in November 1880 he remarried to a Nobleton resident, Jennie Fry, a daughter of Charles and Mary Anne Fry, who gave birth to five children: Willie Arthur (1880 - 1881), Margaret Viola (1883 - 1955), Charles (1885 - 1957), Mary Anne (1887 - 1892), and Myrtle (1890 - 1940).

But like all families, the George Holden family soon

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broke up as the children left home to build a new life for themselves, and death took its toll. George's eldest son, Albert, was killed in 1903 when he was fatally injured in an explosion at the Gutta-Perka Rubber Co. in Toronto where he worked. George's wife Jennie died on February 2, 1907, while his son Charlie married Elizabeth Ezard, and left home to raise a family, soon followed in 1908 by Myrtle who married George Extence, and operated a general grocery store in Bolton. But the eldest daughter, Margaret, my grandmother, who had married William Rose (1872 - 1952) in January 1909, had given up the chance to build a home on the developing Canadian Prairie, and remained at home with her widowed father. William Rose joined George in the blacksmith shop, and in the process of a few years acquired the business when George retired. It was on November 10, 1934 that Nobleton lost one of its most outstanding citizens when George Arthur Holden died, and was laid to rest beside his family in Nobleton Community Cemetery.

Of George's three surviving children, Margaret, Charlie, and Myrtle, some mention should be made. Margaret and her husband, William Rose, continued on living in Nobleton in George's house on the main street of town. William continued to operate the blacksmith shop until a few years before his death in 1952, at which time he could boast of having carried on this service for the farmers of this district for forty-five years. Of their family of three; Harold, Norman, and Kathleen, both sons are living in Nobleton, while Kathleen (Mrs. William Yeaman) is a resident of Toronto. Harold, my father, began working for King Township as the Clerk-Treasurer in 1937, and has only recently retired from that position after over thirty-seven years devotion to the job. He married Ruth Leonard of Schomberg in 1941 and had a family of two; Glenda (Mrs. Kenneth Metrick) of Toronto, and myself. Norman Rose, who carried on the family trade of blacksmith, became witness to the growing automation of transportation and farming methods in our society, and saw the inevitable decline of his

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trade. But today, the Holden-Rose blacksmith shop has been re-erected in its entirety, including the very same dirt from the floors, at Black Creek Pioneer Village in Toronto, with Norman still continuing on as its blacksmith. Even today, this once necessary function of a pioneer society, which has become an art for us now, can be seen as it originally was a century ago. Norman married Janet Hume in 1935 and has two daughters; Norma (Mrs William Cutler) of Nobleton, and Doreen (Mrs. Lorne Lipsett) of Schomberg. Kathleen Rose married William Yeaman in 1936 and together they operated a general grocery and meat store in Toronto. They also had two children; Robert and Diane (Mrs. Stacy Kairys).

Margaret's brother Charlie Holden (1885 - 1957) raised his three children, Winnifred, Albert, and Ethel, in Nobleton until his wife Elizabeth died during the influenza epidemic in 1918. He later remarried to Maude Cooper, and with his family moved to Toronto where he operated a cartage business. His daughter Winnifred married Arthur Burnistun and had no family, while her sister Ethel married Thomas Rowecliff and had a family of four; Norma, Donna, Charles, and Betty, and later remarried to Gordon Wootten and had a son Shawn. Albert Holden, who carried on his father's cartage business, married Jean Petrie and had three children; Brian, Charles, and Susan.

Myrtle Holden(1890 - 1940) and her husband George Extence, with their two daughters Margaret (Mrs. Richard Marshall), and Helen (Mrs. Edwin Mitchell), moved to Toronto to keep store after their original business in Bolton was destroyed by fire.

Now after more than one hundred and twenty-five years since Isaac Holden arrived in Nobleton, there is no one within the area who bears the Holden name. But Isaac and all the early settlers like him are still remembered by us today with pride as being the early pioneers who laid the foundations of our village of Nobleton.

by Paul H. Rose
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W I L L I A M I R W I N

WILLIAM IRWIN, the pioneer of the Irwin family in Canada, was born in Millington, Yorkshire, England in 1838 and came to Canada in 1857 when he was eighteen years old. After his father's death, his mother came to Canada with her family of three sons and five daughters and settled in Markham Township, near Unionville. As William was the oldest son, the responsibility of running the farm fell on his shoulders.

In 1866 he married Annie Dixon of Markham and they farmed at Unionville. In November 1882, he bought the south half of Lot 34, Concession 9, Vaughan Township and moved there with his family in the spring of 1883. The farm had been rented to Mr. Plowman two or three years prior to William buying the same. William built the barn, silo, pig pen and hen house that are now on this farm. He also set out two of the orchards on the farm and planted a cedar hedge up both sides of the lane and around the lawn and he planted as well several trees around the house.

In 1907 he also bought the east half of Lot 27, Concession 10, Vaughan Township. In 1909 he built a house in Weston. After his son George, was married in December 1909, William retired and moved to his new home in Weston and George took over the farm. As William was always a

lover of nature and the great out-doors, he was not happy living in a town. After living in Weston for three years, he sold his home there and moved to Nashville where he bought a home.

William and Annie had a family of seven children; Emrys, Bertha, Ada, Myretta, Ethel, Maude and George. Emrys stayed at home and farmed with his father. He married Miss Ella Abernathy of Duluth and after he was married, he farmed the east half of Lot 27, Concession 10, Vaughan Township. Emrys and Ella had four sons; William T., George, Arthur and Gordon.

Bertha was a music teacher and married John Wilkie of Nobleton and they lived in Toronto where Mr. Wilkie was an adjusting manager in Eaton's for years. They had three children, two daughters and a son; Gladys, May and Stanley.

Ada was also a music teacher. She married Rev. W. A. Potter, of Nobleton area, who was the minister of the Methodist church at Chapleau, Ontario, at the time of their marriage. Later he was a professor in Victoria College, Toronto and they lived in Toronto. They had two daughters, Ethelind and Myretta.

Myretta, William's daughter stayed at home and helped her mother. She married Arthur Hambly of Nobleton and farmed on the 10th of King and later moved to Kleinburg where they

farmed. They had one daughter, Merle.

Ethel was a school teacher. She married Armiston Mather, a farmer at Weston. They had four children, two sons and two daughters, Irwin, Gladys, Lloyd, and Doris.

Maude never married and stayed at home with her parents and cared for them in their old age.

George farmed with his father until he was married and then took over the home farm and his parents retired. He married Lilian Mortimer of Honeywood. They had six children, Muriel, Heber, Murray, Douglas, Gladys and Doris.

William's family attended Mount Lebanon Public School, S.S. No. 20, Vaughan. They also attended the Sunday School held there for many years with Mr. Edwin Hambly being the superintendent.

William was a Methodist and was always interested and active in the work of the church. He was as well, a life-long Conservative. He was a local preacher and for many years he preached regularly from one to three times a Sunday, both in Markham and in Vaughan, on the Kleinburg circuit of the Methodist church. William attended Nobleton Methodist church. His family also took an active part in church work. His daughter Bertha, played the church organ for several years until she married. Myretta sang in the choir from the time she was a young girl until she married. The family also took an active part in the Epworth League.

On the 25th day of February, 1925, William died at his home in Nashville. After his death, Annie and Maude continued to live in the home in Nashville. However, on the 30th day of July, 1930, Annie died and Maude, the daughter, died shortly thereafter on the 12th day of March, 1932. After George took over the family farm, he farmed it until his retirement in 1946. At this time he purchased a house in Nobleton and lived there with his wife Lily until his death in 1953. Lily still has the house in Nobleton. During his farming years George purchased the 100 acre farm immediately to the north of the family farm. His son Murray is operating this farm presently. During his lifetime George was an active member of the Nobleton and later the United Church Session. Muriel married Forest Mactaggart in 1937 a farmer south of Nobleton. They had a son and daughter. Bruce a lawyer and Gail a secondary school teacher. Heber married Mary Martin of Dunedin in 1938 and is farming in the Reddickville area. They had five daughters and two sons; Beverley, Janette, Mary Beth, Blake, Paul, Catherine and Heather. Murray married Bernice Lindsey in 1941 and have four sons; Lawrie, Harold, Stanley, and Neal. Douglas married Dorothy Harrison in 1941. They had two daughters and three sons; William, Helen Goslin, John, Tom and Janice. He farmed the homestead until his death in 1961. John is presently farming this farm.

Gladys married Allan Laverty in 1941, a farmer at Reddicville. They had four daughters and one son; Glenn, Donna, Diane, Myrna and Nancy. Doris, a school teacher, married Milton Ziegler in 1948 a farmer at Harriston. They had a son and a daughter; Leigh and Lorna.

Presented by:

Merle Hambly

Muriel Mactaggart

THE JEWITTS

John Gibson Jewitt came from England as a soldier in the war of 1812. He was stationed at the barracks in Exhibition Park, Toronto.

He met and married Elizabeth Crossan in 1840. Elizabeth's parents, John and Mrs. Crossan, came to Canada about 1799 walking from Pennsylvania, with all their household goods on the back of a two year old horse.

Mr. Crossan was able to obtain one hundred acres of land from a Mr. Devins in exchange for his horse.

John and Elizabeth had eleven children. William, the youngest and central figure of this history, was born 1852 on the eighth line of Vaughan lot 33. This farm is now divided by highway 400, the family cemetery on the east side and the old homestead with its apple orchard planted with seeds brought from Pennsylvania on the west side.

At the age of 28 years William bought one hundred acres of land lot 2, con. 11 King, all bush. Sleeping in the bush he and his brothers built a log house in 1881. Later that year he married Harriet Sheardown, daughter of John Sheardown of King Township.

About 1887 Mr. Jewitt moved to Lot 3, Con. 10 King selling part of the Lot 2, Con. 11 west of the Humber River. He then located in Toronto for about ten years, then came back to the farm.

William and Harriet had seven children, Elsie, William John, Norman, Cora May, William Albert, Daisy and Loftus George. In 1897 Harriet died when Loftus was an infant. In 1902 William married Emily Mould of Toronto. They had one daughter Gladys.

Elsie, the eldest, married John Yeaman in Nobleton Methodist Church. This being the first wedding in this church the bride was presented with a white bible by Rev. Fish. Elsie and John had five sons and lived in Saskatchewan.

William John died in infancy. Norman, Cora May, and William Albert went to Saskatchewan but William Albert returned to Ontario, raised a daughter and son. His widow resides in Nobleton.

Daisy married Albert Millar, they had one girl and two boys and lived in King and Vaughan Townships. Loftus married Greta Wedgewood. They have four daughters. They farmed on Con. 7 King, later retiring to Nobleton.

Gladys, of the second marriage, married Anson McCluskie. They lived in King until 1953. They had one daughter.

In 1902 Mr. Jewitt built a brick house on the 10th concession farm. It is now known as Humbervale Inn.



The log house built in 1881 on Lot 2
Con. 11 King Township by Wm.
Jewitt

King Creek Bridge



The brick house built in 1902 on lot 3
Con. 10 King Township by William
Jewitt

KAAKE FAMILY

In his book "The Trail of the Black Walnut" Dr. George Elmore Reeman has made extensive research into the migration of Pennsylvania Germans who were among the first settlers in York County and other parts of Ontario. The name Adam Kaake is recorded with those first to settle in King Township in the year 1796.

A family legend still in circulation relates that Adam came to Nobleton with his family of 16 children which included 7 sons. He was offered the choicest farm land in the district but there were several taverns operating in the vicinity and he decided it was not a good place to raise a family of boys. He proceeded north to Meaford and settled there. A son Charles married Elizabeth Arnold. They had nine children, two of whom returned to the Nobleton district and became very successful farmers. They were Tom and James.

Tom married Elizabeth Goodfellow. They farmed on the 10th line of King Township and had 4 sons and 3 daughters as follows:

Harvey married Edna Norton, Had 2 children Ruth and Helena, Ruth, a school teacher married Maurice Houston, have a son Jim and daughter Ruth Ann. Helena died at an early age.

Laura Kaake married Robert Armstrong, had 2 children Marion and Florence. Marion married William McCallum, no children; Florence married Ken Wilkinson, no children.

Herman, now residing in Nobleton, married Cora Kennedy. Their children are Donald, Hardware and General Merchant in Nobleton, Dorothy and Mary. Donald has 1 daughter Linda, Mrs. Wm Tomlinson. Dorothy married John Webster a Veterinary of Schomberg. They had one daughter, Heather, John Webster died and Dorothy married, Dr. John Shepherd, Who is also a Veterinary. Mary married Lloyd Clairihue, a broker. They have 2 children, and live in the United States.

Marion Kaake married Harvey Armstrong. They had 3 children, Norman, Betty and Allan.

Forest married Alice Cowper and some years after her death married Donald Fry. There were no children.

Erie, unmarried, lives in Bolton.

Andrew married Laura Gray, had 2 Daughters Phyrn and Edith. Phyrn married Robert Walker; Edith married Harry Matson.

Tom's brother James Kaake married Mary Fry. They had 10 children as follows:

Sarah married Joe Pringle, had 2 daughters Ella and Ruby, moved to Western Canada.

Mary Kaake married George Robinson. They farmed on the Centre Road near Victoria. For many years the family has lived in Brampton. The eldest daughter, Jessie has been an invalid for several years suffering from arthritis.

Laura graduated in nursing in 1915 from Toronto General Hospital, sent overseas the same year to nurse the wounded in the 1st World War, After Armistice in 1918 she was with the Canadian Casualty Clearing Station in Germany. She returned to Canada in 1919 and after demobilization went to the U.S. and received her B.Sc. degree from Western Reserve University in Detroit. In 1936 she received her M.A. from Columbia University, New York. She held several administrative positions in the eastern States. On retirement she returned to Brampton and became active in the Women's Auxiliary of Peel Memorial Hospital serving as President for 2 years prior to her death. The Intensive Care Unit at Peel Memorial is named for her, "In Memoriam!"

Harriett (Hattie) Robinson married Robert Nelson Beatty. They had 2 children; Mary who is Mrs. Wallace McLeod and George, a Veterinary who was Gold Medalist in his graduating class at the Ontario veterinary College, Guelph, now owns and operates a hospital for small animals in Palatine, Illinois.

Lydia holds an A.C.A.M. in piano from the Canadian Academy of Music, is also active in the Women's Auxiliary of Peel Memorial Hospital and has received a citation for distinguished service in that field.

The only son Thompson Robinson married Margaret Anthony. On retirement from farming, they resided in Brampton. They had no children, Thompson died in 1967 his wife in 1971.

Violet Kaske married William Turner- no children.

Clara Kaske married Alex Finney, had 2 sons William and Douglas. William is with Simpson's London, Ont., Douglas is a Bank Manager in Toronto.

George Kaake married Elizabeth Jeffery, was in retail shoe business in Toronto for many years. A son Lawson was Silver Medalist in his graduation class of Chartered Accountants, is now General Manager of Upper Lakes Shipping. A daughter Norma is married and lives in the U.S.

Edwin John Kaake married Sarah Jane Breedon, had 7 Children of whom 2 died in infancy. Surviving are Reta, Leonard, Arthur, Murray and Doris.

Henrietta married James Murray, had 1 son Lawrence James.

Al Kaake married Sylvia Wells. Their children were Edna, Flossie, Wilbur and Madeline.

Charles Kaake married Ida Gilmour had 1 son Edwin.

Florence Kaake remained single, lives in Islington.

Most widely known in the Nobleton locality Edwin John (Ed) did an extensive business as a drover and butcher. During his early years, cattle, sheep and hogs were bought directly from farmers, rounded up at Nobleton and herded on foot to Kleinburg C.P.R. station where they were loaded on cars to go to the stock yards in Toronto. In winter some animals were slaughtered and prepared for market, loaded on sleighs and hauled by horses to Toronto for sale to butcher shops and private buyers. This was a long cold journey in freezing weather over roads blanket blanketed deep in snow. Often the main road would be so drifted, detours had to be made through adjoining fields. In other seasons a spring wagon was the conveyance on which was piled an amazing amount of butter, eggs, meat and poultry. An important part of the butcher ^{business} was two weekly deliveries of meat by horse and wagon to the nearby villages of King, Laskay and Kleinburg, also calling at farms on route. With the advent of motorized vehicles and improved roads, work became easier, From 1914 to 1919 inclusive, Ed served as councilor on the King Township Council. He continued buying and selling livestock until his death in 1945.

Edwin John Kaake married Sarah Jane Breedon and they had 7 children, 2 of whom died in infancy. Reta married Leonard Train. They had one son, Bruce, who graduated as an Aeronautical Engineer from the University of Toronto and is now a Project Engineer for the Ontario Hydro. He married Jean McLean and they live in Islington.

Leonard, a foreman for Toronto and York Roads Commission which is now York Regional Municipality Roads, married Lily(Lillian) Topper. They have 4 children, Jeanne married Walter Bradley. They have 5 children, and live in St. Catherines; Lawrie married Shirley Hayter, have 2 children, live in Toronto; Beverly and R.N. graduate of Women's College Hospital Toronto, married John Andrews. They have 3 children, live in St. Catharines; Earle married Erma Clark. He is in roads construction and maintenance work. They have 3 daughters, live in Nobleton.

Edwin John's second son, Arthur now retired from roads construction married Olive Devings and is a life long resident of Nobleton. They have 1 son and 3 daughters; Karen married

Don Fry. They have 1 daughter. David still a bachelor lives at home; Sondra married Arthur Ransom, have 1 daughter; Wanda married Gary Brown.

E.J.'s third son, Murray, continued in his father's business, resides in Nobleton, married Gladys Leonard. They have 2 sons; Ronald, a graduate in Business Administration from Ryerson Polytechnical Institute is with Air Canada; Alan lives at home.

Doris married Percy Hill. Both are life long residents of Nobleton. They had 2 daughters and 1 son; Marilyn became a school teacher, married David Broad, died in 1965. Edwin, a Senior Technologist for Northern Electric, married Linda Grant. They have 2 children, and live in Montreal. Debra is a student at King Secondary School.

Charles Kaake's other sons, besides James and Tom, Richard, William and John became farmers in the Kincardine district, Joe lived at Duncan then moved with his family to Clarksburg. Margaret married Edward Tyndall of Bolton. They had 5 children; Harriett, Hannah, Alfred, Lottie and Lizzie.

Harriett married Harvey Westlake. They had 1 daughter.

Hannah Tyndall married Albert Rutherford. They had 6 children as follows, Tyndall, Lillian, Mabel, R.J., William and Lloyd.

Alfred Tyndall married Olive Sparrow, had 1 son Murray.

Lottie Tyndall married Isaac Steele, had 2 daughters; Luella who married Albert Snell, Olive married Lorne Elliott.

Lizzie Tyndall married Milton Downey, had 2 sons, Henry and Nelson.

The trend of the times has been away from family visiting, consequently we lose touch with distant kinfolk.

MACTAGGART

WILLIAM and MARTHA MACTAGGART came from Campbeltown, Argyllshire, Scotland in or about the year 1832 with a group of other Scotch families namely the MacMurphy's, McCallum's, McGillvray's and Kelly's. They all settled in the same area which was later called New Scotland, in and around the seventh and eighth Concession of King Township.

The Mactaggart's took up land from the Crown on the eighth Concession just below the 16th Sideroad. The farm is now owned by a Mr. Black. The McGillvray's settled on the 16th Sideroad between the seventh and eighth Concession on property on which a mushroom plant is now situate.

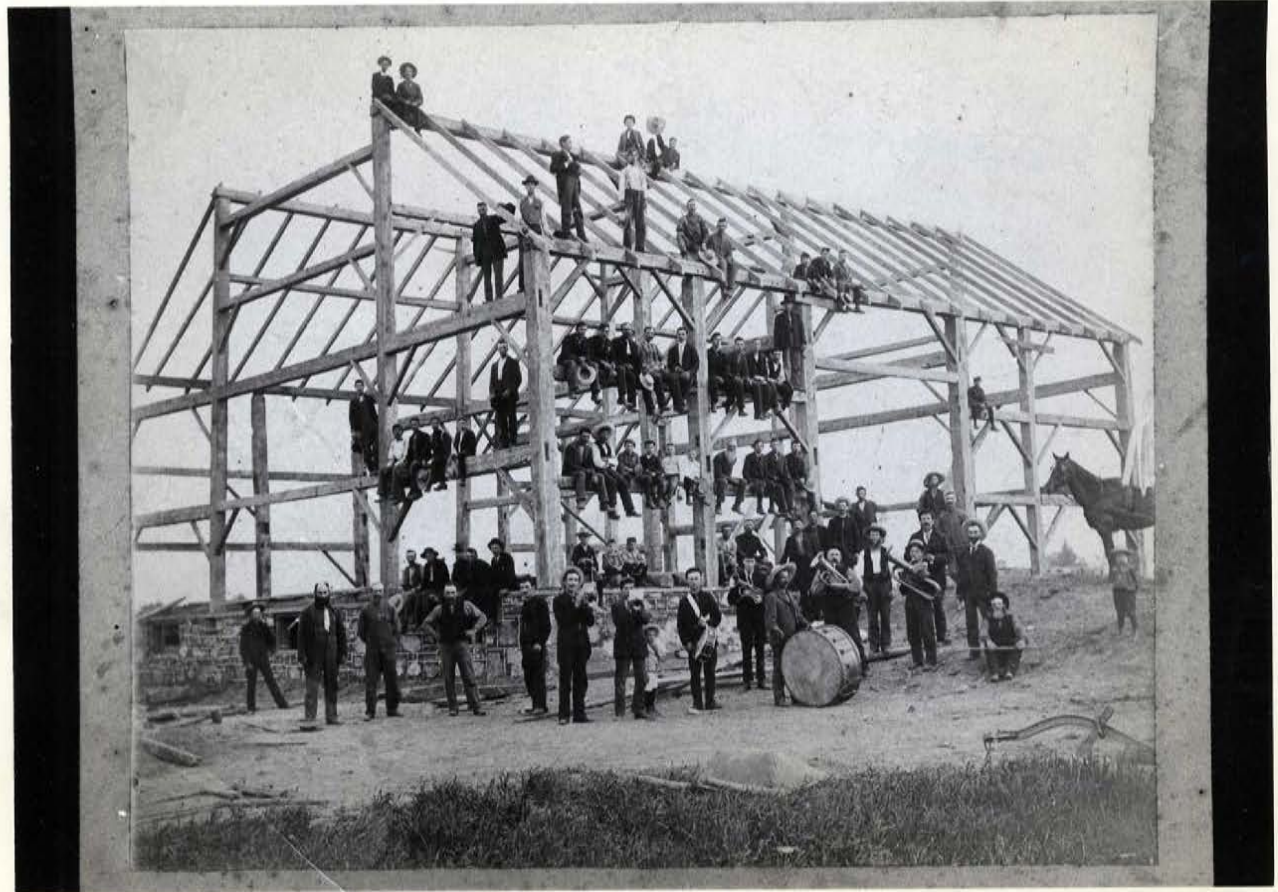
The Mactaggarts had seven children namely; James, Alexander, Robert, Martha, Hugh, Isabella and Janet. Martha was named after her mother. She was born on the voyage across the Atlantic, a voyage which took between six to eight weeks to complete.

After the family arrived and settled, they broke their land and farmed it for about thirty to forty years in the New Scotland area.

Four of the Mactaggart children married. Alexander, Hugh, Isabella and Janet. Hugh married Janet McGillvray and bought 200 acres being all of Lot 1, Concession 9 in King Township, in the year 1860. He and his wife lived in a house



FOREST Mactaggart Home



Goodfellow Barn Raising



The Irwin Farm Home



A gathering at the Ellis
farm home

which he later enlarged and bricked on the King - Vaughan Township line. Here their entire family was born namely: William A., Robert James, Mary, Archibald, Tena and Margaret. Alexander married Nancy Cairns on June 16th, 1869 and they had four children, William, Martha, Isabella and Janet Isabella. Alexander, in the year 1879, purchased the east half of Lot 3, Concession 9 in the Township of King from George Hambly and it was on this farm that he raised his family.

Robert bought the west half of Lot 3, Concession 9, around the same time that Alexander purchased the east half. Robert and Martha moved down to live on the farm that Hugh had purchased, in the stone house. This house was originally built of mud and burned to the ground. The stone house was built to replace it.

Janet married a blacksmith, Gordon King, from Thistletown. They bought a farm in Collingwood and Janet and her husband moved there to farm the same. It is believed that they had no children. After her husband died, Janet moved back to the Village of Nobleton to live with her sister Martha. After Martha died in 1922, she moved back to Collingwood and there she died a couple of years later. Issabella Married a John Kelly. They lived in the Nobleton area and it is believed that they had no children. Isabella died in her 27th year on March 18th, 1871. On January 23rd, 1867, William died and was

buried in the cemetery surrounding the Strange Presbyterian church on the 6th Concession. His wife Martha, died on March 14th, 1884 and was buried beside her husband at Strange. Robert died in 1909. After his death, Martha bought a house in Nobleton. Here she lived until her death at the age of 94. James died on June 1st, 1886.

After the Mactaggart family moved into the Nobleton area, they attended the Presbyterian church on the 10th Concession which was known as the "Old Kirk". The family had to drive about five miles in the Democrat Wagon to attend church. Hugh was an elder for many years at this church. During his life time, Hugh was made an executor of many estates and he made a couple of trips back to Scotland to carry out his duties. Hugh brought up his family in the brick house on the King - Vaughan Township line. His son William A., took up the Ministry and made one trip to Scotland to complete his education. He was ordained into the Presbyterian Church and after Union in 1925, Continued his Ministry with the United Church of Canada. He preached for 48 years in the St. Columba United Church on the corner of Vaughan Road and St. Clair Avenue. He was married to Mattie McEakeran and they had two children Hugh and Mary. Hugh also was ordained into the Ministry and Mary was a physiotherapist.

Archie went to Western Canada in 1909 and farmed for one year. In 1919 he came back home and married Orpha Pringle

of Nobleton and they returned to the west and purchased a quarter section of land at Weyburn Saskatchewan. They had four boys, Garnet, Howard Harold and Donald. Howard and Harold were twins but Harold died when only four years old. The three boys are still out West: Howard still on the farm Garnet at Regina, Donald at Dawson Creek. Orpha, their mother is still living at Regina, Archie died some years ago. Tena married Herbert Patton of Laskay but died in about 1914 when she was giving birth to her child. Mary was married to James Bryson and they went West where James was an engineer with the Canadian Pacific Railroad, at Medicine Hat. They later took up farming at Drumheller and after five years they were forced to leave their farm due to drought and they bought more land at Tisdale Saskatchewan. They had three sons, Alex, Donald and James. Alex was for two terms, The C.C.F. Member of Parliament of Humbalt Riding. Donald and Jim farmed until about 1967 when they sold the farm and moved into Tisdale. The father and mother both died at Tisdale and Donald also died, in 1968.

Margaret taught school in Toronto until she was superannuated. She was never married. Robert James was married in or about 1906 to Viola Ham. They had four children, Marguerite Kenneth, Templeton and Norene. In or around 1908 Hugh left his farm and moved to Nashville. Margaret went with them to

continue her schooling that she was receiving at HumberSide Collegiate.

Hugh lived about one year there when he died and Margaret and her mother Janet moved to Toronto. Janet died in 1931. Robert James took over the family farm that his father Hugh had left him and as well he worked the west half of Lot 3, Concession 9, the 100 acre farm that his Uncle Robert had left him. He farmed these farms for a couple of years. He then sold the west half of Lot 3, and bought his brother Archie's farm on the King-Vaughan Town line. He had been previously renting this farm. Apparently Hugh had divided the family farm into a North and South and left the South half, Thistlebrae, to his son Archie, and the North half, Willow Grove, to his son Robert. In 1911 Robert James sold his stock and implements and moved to Toronto to go into real estate with his brother-in-law, Herbert Patton. In 1915 he came back to Nobleton and purchased the General Store from J. W. Larkin. Along with the store, he also took over the school books as Secretary Treasurer of the Nobleton School Section. This position he held for forty-two years. Kenneth took over the books for ten years after his father retired. In 1919 Robert James gave up his store and moved back to the farm where he lived up until his death in March 1956. At his death, he left the farm to his son Kenneth who operated it until 1962 when the barns were destroyed by fire and he decided to

give up farming. That fall, Kenneth ran for the King Township Council and was successful. He served three years as councillor and five years as Deputy Reeve. Kenneth married Marion Smith of Victoria Square. They had one daughter, Cheryl who married David Scott. Cheryl and David have two children, Darlene and Ken and are living in the Nobleton area. Marguerite was married to Clarence Mylks of Richmond Hill and had two children, Grant and Shirley. They in turn were married and both have two of a family.

Norene married Ken Brown of Oak Ridges and had two girls Barbara and Kendra. Barbara married David Douglas and lived on the farm next to the one on which the Mactaggart's first settled in the New Scotland area. Kendra is continuing her education. Templeton married Madeline Hauman of Nobleton. They now reside in Nobleton and Templeton is employed with the Department of Highways. They had two children William and Nancy. William married Marion Bishop of Maple and they have a family of four and live in Oakville. Nancy married William Sanderson. They have a young daughter and live in Brampton. Kenneth sold the family farm in 1966 but retained the stone house along with two hundred acres of land. He and his wife still reside there with his mother Viola who is now 86.

Alexander (Sandy) and Nancy had only two children who reached adult years, William who was born in 1875 and Janet Isabella who was born in 1881. Martha the first born (1870)

died as an infant in 1872 and Isabella the second born (1873) died also as an infant in 1876. Sandy farmed his farm until his death on August 25th, 1898. Sandy and his wife Nancy hosted many parties in their home. Peeling bees and dancing were the mode of the day. Often the dancing and festivities would last as late as five in the morning. Nancy, after her husband's death purchased a house in the Village of Nobleton. There she lived with her daughter Janet until her death on January 27th, 1904. In the same year of 1904, Janet married John Franklin Hershey of Weston. After their marriage, Janet and her husband moved to Arthur Township, near Mount Forest and farmed. There were nine children born to them; William, Annie, Abner, Russell, Muriel, Noncel, Gwen, John and Nancy. With the exception of William who died as an infant, all these children grew up and made their homes in the same area. Janet died suddenly with a heart condition in 1926. After his father's death, William (Billie or sometimes known as Willie), took over the family farm (Maple Hill). He had, in the year of his father's death 1898, on March 16th, married Mary Matilda Kinnee of Vaughan Township. Billie and Tillie farmed the family farm and had four sons, Elmer, born July 1st, 1900, Emery, born August 18th, 1902,; Forest, born February 21st, 1907 and Fergus, born October 23rd, 1912. During his lifetime Billie was for many years an Elder in the 10th Presbyterian church and

after Union a steward in the Nobleton United Church. On October 22nd, 1929, Billie tragically lost his life. He was electrocuted by a fallen hydro wire in front of his farm. It was during a violent October storm. Billie, thinking Malloy's barn was afire, went racing across the road to assist when he stepped on a live wire burning in the leaves. Almost a year later, June, 1930, Emery died suddenly at his home with a hemorrhaged lung. He was never married. Elmer married a Marjorie Leonard of Schomberg and moved to Kleinburg to live. There he operated a garage for many years. Three children were born to them; Shirley, Leonard, and Muriel. Shirley married Jack Davis and they lived in Kleinburg with a young family. Leonard is a flying instructor and is unmarried. Muriel married a William Maw and they live in Bolton with a young family. Elmer died on January 15th, 1969 after a lengthy illness.

After their father's sudden death, Forest and Fergus assisted their mother in operating the home farm. Fergus in the fall of 1938 married Pearl Chamberlain of Nobleton and in the year of 1940, they started farming their present farm on the 11th Concession of King. They had three children Evelyn, William and Jack. Evelyn, a school teacher, married Bruce Farr. They live with their one son in Guelph. William married Jacqueline Robertson and they also live in Guelph with their young family. William completed his Master's Degree

at the University of Guelph. Jack married Bonnie Huycke. They live in Toronto with their young daughter. Jack is working on his Doctorate at the University of Toronto.

Forest (Frosty) married Muriel Irwin in March of 1937 and continued farming the family farm. His mother, Tillie lived on the farm until just before her death in October of 1950. Forest along with his farming, has been quite active in community affairs, especially in the sports; baseball and hockey. Forest and Muriel had two children Bruce and Gail. Bruce was called to the Ontario Bar in 1968 and is practising law in the area. Gail married Donald Dalziel and they live in Nobleton. She is a secondary school teacher. Forest and Muriel still are operating the home farm which is now known as MAPLE-O Farm.

Presented by:

Kenneth Mactaggart

Bruce Mactaggart

January 1, 1971 the regional Government came into effect and Mr. Ken Mactaggart was elected as the first Mayor of the Township of King.

PROSPECT VIEW FARM

The history of the farm presently owned by Neil Malloy at Nobleton, comprising lot three west half, concession eight of King Township, has been traced back to the Crown.

In 1845, Martin Snider purchased the land, comprising of one hundred acres, from the Clergy Reserve for one hundred and ten pounds. Then, his son Isaac, inherited the farm.

In 1885, James Malloy, the former Christina McCallum, with their family of three, namely: Daniel, Margaret and Frank, moved from Vaughan to King. Frank became a teacher and later a medical doctor. One year of his teaching career was spent at Nobleton Public School. Margaret became Mrs. John Wilkie of the tenth concession of King. In 1921, Daniel inherited the farm.

Daniel Malloy and his wife, the former Annetta Chamberlain, had four sons and four daughters; Charlotta, Jennie, Lorne, Neil and George (twins), Marion, James and Laura. The twins, Neil and George, inherited the farm.

In 1968, George moved to Shelbourne with his son. Neil and Jennie remain on the homestead.

The present home replaced a log dwelling about 1850. Many artists have shown a keen interest in the architecture of the home. In 1932, a sketch of the house by Thoreau MacDonald was included in the collection of arts at the Canadian National Exhibition.

Since 1885, Malloys and Mactaggarts have been close neighbours, living across the road from each other.



MR. THOMAS MCMURCHY*LOT 7, CON.7

About 1840 Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McMurchy arrived in Montreal from Rhunshaorine, Argyleshire, Scotland. Mr. McMurchy was nearly eighty years of age at that time and brought his family of eleven sons with him.

One son stayed in Montreal and was lost track of. Another son settled in Lindsay, another in Erin, and two in Collingwood. Two of the sons, Dugald and Neil, bought seven hundred acres in and near King Township, including lot 7 Concession 7. The parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McMurchy, settled on the farm with Dugald and Neil. The acreage was later reduced to two hundred acres. The parents died and were buried in the cemetery at Strange.

Dugald remained a bachelor but Neil married and had a family of one son, Thomas, and four daughters, Mary, Kate, Annie and Grace. Thomas and Mary remained on the farm. The latter three girls taught school and Mary helped at home. None of the family married.

Thomas entered municipal politics in 1913 and became councillor and later reeve. He was reeve from 1939-46.

Thomas died in February 1948. He and his sisters are buried in King City cemetery.



"The O'Neills and Holly Park"

Glancing through the files of the Bolton Enterprise in 1904 we found that, for a few weeks, we had a correspondent from the little hamlet of Holly Park, and since we had the pleasure a few years ago of visiting Holly Park House we thought we would follow up some of the history of this little spot in King Township -- the 16th sideroad between the 10th line and the 11th line.

"Holly Park" -- what a delightful name! We have been most lucky in talking with Joe O'Neill, a young man who is the fifth generation of his family to live at Holly Park -- in fact it was the O'Neill's who were first to settle there, and who brought the name "Holly Park" from Ireland with them. Joe O'Neill has done much research into the lives of his ancestors, and his grandfather, Frank O'Neill, is a constant mine of information and anecdotes.

There is no sign to tell the traveller he has arrived at Holly Park, and few farmers are left to remind us of the thriving little community once there.

However, Holly Park Post Office remains, and is really the centre of our story.

On May 25th, 1814, Michael O'Neill was born in the County of Limerick, Ireland, and he emigrated to Canada in 1841 with his wife, Margaret O'Halleran, also his brother, Pat, and his wife Catherine.

On their arrival in King Township Michael purchased the farm on Lot 15, Concession 10 West. At the time it was all bush, but, with his determination and much hard work, proved to be a very productive peice of land.

On the corner of the sideroad and the 11th line, Michael built his home. It was of logs, but quite distinctive. Each corner of the building was constructed in a different manner, and today it is believed the reason to be that Mike had four sons, and probably each one was detailed to build a corner of the house -- hence four different methods.

Michael had 75 acres, plus another 25 acres on the opposite side of the 11th line, south of the sideroad.

This little house was destined to have a long and useful life, for it was occupied until 1965, when Janet Van Ostren purchased it and removed it to near Mansfield where it will be rebuilt. She employed an architect who was careful in taking true dimensions so it could be reassembled exactly.

In so doing, the fireplace, long sealed up, was uncovered to reveal the crane, some old letters and an ancient copy of one of Eaton's first catalogues! We understand Mrs. Van Ostren has saved these pieces carefully.

There was a saw-mill at Holly Park, which also belonged to Michael, on the north-west corner of the 10th line and 16 sideroad, which now belongs to the Westbrook family.

Michael and Margaret had seven children, one of whom was Michael Joseph. This young man helped his father clear the land; he entered public life at an early age filling various positions of trust. He was elected Deputy-Reeve of the Township Council in 1911.

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Michael Joseph was the first Post Master of Holly Park, about the year 1880, and conducted his business in the original log house for about 20 years. Then he moved to Bolton to manage the Queen's Hotel for around five years or so, then on to Toronto and later died there.

Patrick, Michael's brother, owned 125 acres on the 16th sideroad through to the 10th line, where he also built a log house, at the roadside. The pump still stands to mark the spot.

Here Pat and his wife Catherine raised their family, John, Michael Paddy and Bridget, Mary Ann, Janie and Helen. Of the children, Paddy and Bridget were the two who never married.

As the family grew in number and size, Patrick built a larger house, of clapboard, later brick, behind the log house on a little knoll. It still stands today.

He gave John and Michael each 50 acres, retaining 25 for himself, presumably with Paddy and Bridget to help him.

In 1861 John was married to Mary Ann Colgan and they lived in what is now the present Holly Park House, built for them on their 50 acres by John's father. John's first for his bride had been burned to the ground before they married but, undaunted by such tragedy, the present home was built on the charred logs, set on a stone foundation, and John and Mary Ann had many happy years in this charming house.

Mary Ann used to say -- "If God dropped a pin from Heaven it would fall on a stump"!! -- which says a lot for the land in those days.

Mary Ann was a diligent soul, picking apples all through the fall, drying them, and preserving them for luscious apple pies and puddings in the cold winter months. Some of Mary Anne's dishes and furniture are still among the family treasures.

John's brother Michael built a house on his 50 acres, directly behind John's house. He and his wife lived there for a number of years. When they moved away the house lay empty until Paddy and Bridget took over, later moving the house to Church Street in Schomberg, where it still stands. Joe O'Neill is the proud owner of both watches belonging to his great great uncle Paddy and great great aunt Bridget.

We must all experience a feeling of awe and some excitement at the sight of a house being moved from one location to another with all of today's best engineering skills. Imagine what it must have been like years ago!

When Patrick, the father, died, his home and 25 acres was sold to Rose, John's daughter.

Opposite Holly Park House was 105 acres with a log house, and barn. John purchased this, and the barn, now 109 years old, is being torn down to make way for a hydro line. The log house was quite unique in that it had closets, and glass around the front door.

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After some years it was dismantled and the logs taken off to the saw-mill to make the kitchen addition to Holly Park House. The staircase from the log house also found added life at the "big house" -- it was placed in the addition as were the windows and doors.

When his Uncle Mike sold the farm, John became Post Master and the post office was moved to Holly Park House. Taxes were \$29.60 a year in those days; post cards were mailed free, unsealed letters went for 2¢ and sealed letters for 3¢.

The mail carrier arrived at Holly Park at 5 o'clock in the morning from Linton and then went on to Nobleton. He would then return at 1 a.m. to bring dailies and letters. Holly Park Post Office held mail for about 25 people from local farms. Letters were kept in a large closed-in cupboard with double doors and pigeon holes. The names are still to be seen on it and the cupboard is in Frank O'Neill's home today. It stood on a large desk which was made, at the request of Mary Anne, John's wife, by "Daddy" Simpson who lived at Bell's Lake.

They had some wonderfully happy parties and social gatherings at Holly Park House. The men, women and young people of the community danced to the "O'Neill Orchestra" which consisted of Frank O'Neill on base fiddle, Redmond on violin and Rose at the organ. The dancers would square dance right through the kitchen and on into the living room. The orchestra would play for town dances too, and many was the time the organ would be put on the sleigh and taken, by lantern-light, to the church down the road for midnight mass.

John and Mary Anne's children were Mary Helen, Lillian, Redmond, Rose and Francis (Frank). Redmond died at an early age leaving Frank as John's only son.

Frank married Mary Chambers and they moved into Holly Park House with his parents. As time went on Frank took over the Post Office duties until, about 1920 when mail routes began and Holly Park Post Office was closed.

In 1924 Frank and Mary with his father John, left Holly Park to live at the north-east corner of the 15th sideroad and 10th line, where Frank purchased the house and four acres from his sister Lillian. John's wife, Mary Anne had died at Holly Park House.

After nine years what should happen but Frank found Holly Park House back on his hands again, and after renting for a few more years it lay vacant until around 1940 when Miss Freda James moved in. While she lived there Canadian Homes and Gardens did a feature article on the house and Miss James, whose flair and knowledge of interior decorating is exceptional and to be greatly admired.

Frank's second son, Vincent, with his wife, Alice McKenna, moved into Holly Park House in 1946 until 1950, when it was sold -- and we can share the sentiment here with Joe O'Neill who would dearly love the home to be still in the family name.

However, through a series of owners, the house is now the pride and joy of Andrew and Judy Welsh, who are busily engaged in restoring the home to its own country splendour again.

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Imagine Mrs. Welsh's delight when she found an old, old large bowl in the basement, tucked far back on a shelf. It is white with a reddish tinge to it and obviously was used by the O'Neill women through the years.

For those of you who believe the spirits of people live on in a house forever, sometimes quite strongly, let us tell you this -- many times through recent years the cries of a baby have been heard coming from the room on the north west side of the house, the room where the O'Neill babies were tended and nursed.

This intrigues us tremendously and we have no doubt of the truth of the story (our own home in England was haunted by a monk, quite a friendly little chap!)

Vincent O'Neill is not far away from Holly Park House -- he moved, in 1950, keeping the hundred acres opposite the house, and bought the farm on the 10th concession, lot 11, where he now resides.

The correspondent to the Enterprise at the beginning of this century mentioned several other residents of Holly Park Hamlet: J. A. Hunter who purchased a pair of pure bred pigs; Wm. Smith, who, with Frank O'Neill contemplated taking a course at O.A.C. Guelph; Mr. J. Cairns who was elected Road Commissioner for the section; John Egan who put a stone wall under the barn on Holly Park farm; Messrs. N. Scott, H. Kaake, A. Cherry and Miss H. K. Cairns now taking violin lessons from Prof. Joe Smith of this place and intend coming out as the tenth line quartette this fall; Mr. J. Watson is preparing to put a brick wall under his stable; and J. A. Hunter had his barn and house repaired.

To end this story about Holly Park Joe O'Neill found this poem written by John Colgan, father of Mary Anne, John O'Neill's wife. Having enjoyed a sumptuous repast at Holly Park House one evening, John Colgan couldn't resist putting pen to paper with these delightful words --

"The Holly Park Oyster Supper"

Oh, yes! I am fond of roast turkey,
And chicken and goose I like well,
But give me at supper or banquet,
Good oyster just fresh from the shell.

Just such as I ate at a supper,
One bright chilly eveing this fall,
Gotten up by the Holly Park Drummers,
And held in their large banquet hall.

They were cooked in the lacteal fluid,
Of a thorobred Jersey I'm told,
And a caterer old in the business
Made the tables a sight to behold.

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And the moment we heard the bell ringing
To the table we quickly did glide,
Where we ate and we drank of the grandest
Till the inner man was satisfied.
And even the modest young ladies,
Dressed in silks and in satins so fine,
To the toast of the evening responded,
And gently sipped of their wine.

Then after supper was over
Some good parlor games we did play,
For Knights of the Grip are the fellows,
Who can pass a dull hour away.

Then all left for home in good humour,
But I've been informed that 'twas late
When some of our sporting young fellows,
Kissed their sweethearts good-bye at the gate.

Now three cheers for the Holly Park Drummers,
And success to their fast growing trade;
May prosperity ever surround them
Is the wish of the Holly Park Blade.

John Colgan wrote a book of poems and if they were all as enjoyable as this one they would certainly be worth reading. While Joe O'Neill is alive the hamlet of Holly Park will never die, and, with him, we shall watch with interest the Welsh's as they continue the happy and rewarding task of restoring Holly Park Post Office.



Date written --
November 19, 1970.

"The Pringle Family"

William Pringle was born February 24th 1785 in Queen's County Ireland. His wife Jane Gibbons of King's County Ireland. He was by trade a wool comber, the wool in those days was combed by hand.

In 1812 April 10th, their son George was born. They came to Canada but before they reached their destination Mrs. Pringle died in 1818 in Prince Edward Island.

Mr. Pringle then came to King Township, he taught school at Thornhill for some later taking up farming. He remarried and raised a son John.

George married Susanna Bell in 1835. They had ten children, William, John, Rowley, Edward, Martha, Susan and Jane. Three of their children are buried in the water tower cemetery. All had been named William until finally one survived. George raised his family on the eighth Concession Lot nine, King Township. Son John married Fannie Snider of Nobleton, their family was Harold, Orpha and Flossie.

Harold was well known in Nobleton as a seed merchant and storekeeper. Also a keen hockey player and race horse fan. Harold married Cora Hill and had one daughter, Gladwyn. Gladwyn married Keith Banting who carried on the seed cleaning business. They have two sons and three daughters and reside in Nobleton.

Orpha married Archie Mactaggart and homesteaded at Weyburn Saskatchewan, raising a family of 3 sons Garnet, Howard and Donald.

Flossie was a registered nurse and married Howard Wellar a farmer of Nobleton.

Going back to the first generation, William had another son whose name was John, a half brother of George. John married Emma Payne. They had six children named Mary, William, George, Martha, Henry and Joseph.

George married Fanny Newton. They farmed on Concession 9 of King Township and had a family of five children, Bert, Sophia, John, Newton and Lorne. Bert married Harriet Cole and by trade was a banker. Sophia married Clarence Imrie. John died as an infant so the next baby was called John Newton.

This John Newton was born in 1878 and has been a familiar character all his life around Nobleton. He worked his grandfather's farm until 1915 then worked in Toronto as a shoe salesman on Dundas Street. He married in 1926 Amy Floyd. He has one son Gordon and one granddaughter and two great grand children, residents of Scarboro. He and his wife took up residence on the Old King Road Nobleton. His wife predeceased him but he still lives here in 1972 at 94 years of age. Lorne married Alice Smith, they had twins Margaret and Maxwell.

John and Emma's daughter Martha married to become the second wife of David Robb who already had 2 sons and 2 daughters of his own. Of this union there were 2 sons and 2 daughters. Mr. Robb died at 47 years and his widow married William Couper. This couple had 2 girls, Mrs. Vera Wellar and Mrs. Forest Kaake.

June 27, 1978.

Harold Rose - Former Clerk-Treasurer recalls his thirty seven year career.

As the fourth largest organized township in Ontario, King Township has faced its share of changes in the past forty years. And the man who probably knows about these more than anyone else is Harold Rose, former Clerk-Treasurer of the township for thirty seven years.

Harold was hired as clerk-treasurer in the lean hungry year of 1937. "Times were tough and jobs were few and far between. And I have never done anything like this before," Harold recalls. "I went in cold. I just had to feel my way along. But I enjoyed the work and meeting people, and I made a lot of friends."

Yes times were tough. The Roses opened their home to complete strangers, converting their living room into the township office. I had to pay the rent and heat it as well. It didn't leave much salary, but it was a matter of being glad to have a job.

Mrs. Rose worked with Mr. Rose as his secretary for the first four and one half years - for no salary. "They could not hire a girl, so I worked to help Harold" his wife Ruth recalls. The office changed locations a couple of times before coming to rest in its permanent home on the King Sideroad, one quarter mile west of Highway 400. "I chose the site together with Bill Hodgson, who was reeve of the township at that time. We chose the site because it was a central location, east and west, and it was near King City and convenient to everyone."

Mr. Rose recalls the early days when township council meetings were a travelling show which stopped regularly in the four villages of King City, Kettleby, Schomberg and Nobleton. The meetings were not the orderly, efficient sessions they are today, but they were exciting. "The meetings used to start on a Saturday morning and go until 8 or 9 o'clock in the evening. "More people attended the meetings then. They seemed to have more business to conduct." Harold has seen a good many changes in the township in his near forty year career.

There was no such thing as a subdivision in the area when he began. Today King Township enjoys the status of one of the most popular residential areas in Ontario. In spite of the rapid growth which Harold says began after the second world war, the township has managed to retain the rural flavor. He attributes this to good planning. "The general idea of the planners was to maintain the country lifestyle," he says. People are standing in line to move into the township, and there is scarcely a house to be bought in Nobleton or King City.

One change he has seen is the residents of King Township electing a woman mayor in 1973, Mrs. Margaret Britnell. "I did not treat her any differently that I would a man," he remembers. "If she came to me for information and help, I helped her. That is the clerk's duty after all."

Harold has definite ideas on the role of a clerk-treasurer in a municipality. "If council asked my opinion, I gave it to them, I was open to all members. But I don't think a clerk should interfere unless he's asked." He never doubted council was the ultimate authority. I knew the council was in charge and I never had any trouble. If they asked for a report, I gave it.

Things have changed around the township office since the days Harold and Ruth first attended to the business of managing a municipality. The office has a staff of about fourteen people to look after the township's affairs.

When Mr. Rose retired in 1974, he recommended he be succeeded by a full-time clerk and treasurer. Deputy-clerk Cameron Duncan assumed the role of clerk, and deputy-treasurer George Novakovich became the treasurer.

If Harold had his choice of the two positions today, he would opt for Clerk because of the human element of the job.

It is not that he didn't experience people problems in his years of dealing with the public. "Lots of eople do not like to pay taxes and they were not smiling too much when they came in. But I never had too many problems," he adds with a smile.

Harold retired in 1974 but continued to work with the township for two years as an advisor.

As clerk Cameron Duncan says, "You can imagine after being clerk-treasurer for thirty seven years, Harold had a lot of information in his head.

The now retired clerk enjoyed his two years as a consultant. The pressure was off, and he was able to enjoy his job even more. So far, retirement is everything he had hoped it would be. He has time to work in his garden, tend his flowers, and visit his son and daughter.

A life-long resident of the township, the Nobleton man would rather spend his retirement there than in the sunny south of Florida or California, "I've never had any desire to leave King and I guess I never will."

THE ROBB FAMILY

Norman Robb, of Irish descent, has been a resident of the Nobleton area all of his life, except for a few years when, as a young man, he lived in Markham where he was employed by the Spates Company, makers and painters of wagons. This experience never came amiss in later years. When still a young man, and now married he returned to Nobleton and achieved his fondest ambition since boyhood, which was to own and operate a farm. He first began farming one mile north of Nobleton, which was owned at one time by his grandfather John Pringle, then later the farm about one mile east of Nobleton.

Norman Robb's father, David Robb, came over from Ireland as a boy of 15, along with his parents and brothers and sisters, some of whom died quite young. He married a Miss Stokes from King City. In this marriage there were four children, Annie who married Malcom Wilkie. They settled in western Canada. Alice married William Chamberlain, they farmed on the 10th concession of King, north of the Bolton road. James and William also went to western Canada as young men. They married in the west and had homesteads, farming their places until retiring. David Robb became a widower and later married Martha Pringle of Nobleton. In his second marriage there were four children. Vivian the eldest married Robert White of Nobleton. John who settled in Saskatchewan never married. Norman married Hilda Hamilton of Stouffville and later as a widower married Florence Nattress of Bolton. Winnifred married Herbert Douglas of Markdale. David Robb passed away when these children of his second marriage were quite young. His widow, the former Martha Pringle, later married William Cowper from England. Their children were Vera, who married Milton Wellar and Alice who married Forrest Kaake, of Nobleton.

Norman Robb was born in the year 1880. He has always been and still is very interested in sports, especially hockey. He has always enjoyed music and when a young man played the bass horn in Nobleton and Markham bands. He is still very interested in community activities and very fond of his church which is St. Alban's Anglican in Nobleton. He rarely misses attending services there. He has a family of three, Harold, Adrienne (Mrs. Roy Neill) with whom he and Mrs. Robb now reside, and Norman Jr. all of Nobleton. He also has grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Out of the three different families composed of full and half brothers and sisters, Norman Robb and Vera Wellar are the only surviving members.



"The Top o' the Mornin'" and best birthday wishes to Mr. Norman Robb of Nobleton who celebrates his 93rd birthday this St. Patrick's Day, Saturday, March 17th. Mr. Robb, whose ancestors originated in the Emerald Isle enjoys good health, and was honoured at a family dinner party held at the Humbervale Inn on Wednesday this week. 1973



Nobleton Band

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 Burnanthonpe 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.

THE SNIDER FAMILY.

Jacob Snider, the first name mentioned in this record, was among the first early settlers in that part of Pennsylvania where the city of Philadelphia is now situated. He emigrated from Germany with his brothers and sisters about the year (or soon after) 1700. A street in Philadelphia still bears the name Snyder Ave., along which their property was located. The change in spelling the name from Snyder to Snider was adopted about the year 1802. There can be no particular reason given for the change except it be our ancestors wished to throw off the German and assume the English or American style, they purposing being permanent settlers here.

At the time of The American War of Independence, properly known as the War of 1776, part of Jacob Snyder's family were loyal to the British Crown and took up arms under her flag, thus becoming N.E. Loyalists. One son, named Christian, remained loyal to the American flag and took up arms under its colors.

The descendants of this branch (Christian's) of the family are still to be found in Philadelphia and are possessors of great wealth, being jewellers by trade. They have held their own property and possibly came into possession of that of their less fortunate relatives.

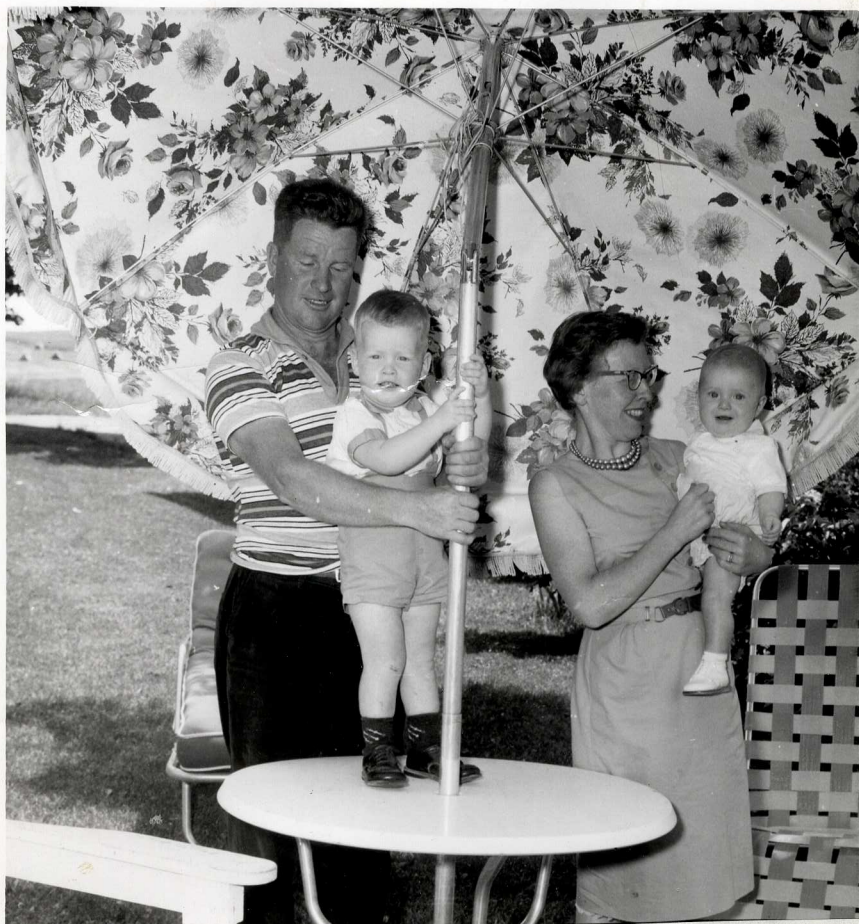
The sons that joined the British forces were named Martin, Elias, Peter and probably others, were disbanded together with the rest of the Br. Army in Nova Scotia Province, known now as New Brunswick; at the present site of the city of St. Johns. May 18th, 1783 the landing of the N.E. Loyalists meant the founding of that city. The landing took place in the dawn of the morning. There were no signs of life among the chill rocks and somber fires of the Peninsula, save the handful of fishermen huts huddled together at the back of the harbor and the prospect was anything but cheerful. But the exiles were men of fibre, strength and steadfastness and had so strenuously striven for the defence of their cause that when their cause was lost they had no leniency to expect from their victors.

At the close of the War Elias and Peter remained at or near this point and became permanent settlers, their descendants still being there. Martin came to Canada, June 1811, bought 200 acres of Crown Lands north of Little York (now Toronto) on what is now known as Yonge St., extending north from Queen St. It being wet and swampy and unfit for farming purposes, he threw it up and went to Yonge St., (now Eglinton) and settled on Lot 3, Township of West York.

At this point he kept a house of accommodation for settlers going north on Yonge St. He obtained a license to sell rum from the Commanding Officer of the Imperial Army, said license is now in possession of the York Pioneers. Martin Snyder was once under sentence of death by hanging being captured by the Americans as a Br. spy in the vicinity of New Jersey. He was sentenced to be hanged, but broke jail and swam the Delaware River and thus made his escape. He took no part in the War of 1812, but his two eldest sons both volunteered for active service, both drew pensions from the time the Government commenced granting them till their deaths. Jacob, the eldest son, was 22 years old when he accompanied Gen. Brock on his expedition to Detroit, was in active service all through the War. He was quite prominent for pressing teams for service all through the War for the purpose of conveying stores, ammunition and troops to Holland Landing, Penetanguishene and other points along the frontier.

When it was feared the Americans would attempt an invasion, one of Jacob Snyder's experiences was to go to Newmarket, a point 26 miles north of Toronto (then Little York) on Sunday and press the teams of the Quakers (they having good and suitable ones) who gathered there for the purpose of worship.

Martin Snyder at the age of 14 assisted in teaming stores and ammunition of war, also cordage, the Mammoth Anchor, still to be seen at the landing, and other materials needed in the construction of a man of war, a scheme the British intended carrying out, but afterwards abandoned the scheme. They were compelled to carry block and tackle to make the heavy grades between the two points of Yonge St. at that time being a road slashed through the forests, by order of Governor Simcoe. After the Battle of York, Martin was engaged doing active service at Fort York.



The Snider Farm:

The Hoile's family lived on the farm until April, 1958, when it was sold again to Mr. Carl Boynton. Mr. Boynton is the owner at the time the history of Nobleton was printed in 1971.

Russel has one girl, Helen Lenore Born Christmas Day 1931. On April 10th 1958, she married Stewart Mills and from this union they have Frederick Russel born April 5th 1959, John Stewart born November 10th 1960, Scott Snider Mills born May 3rd 1964

CHARLES SNIDER of the fourth generation of those arriving in Pennsylvania about 1700 was born in Eglinton on Yonge Street, now Toronto, October 19th 1822. His father and mother bore the significant biblical names of Jacob and Rachel. The record of parent and son enters into the record of three different centuries, his father and mother having been born in 1790 and 1795 respectively and their son Charles dying in February 1901. Charles spent the greater part of his younger years in Eglinton working with his father who ran an extensive saw mill business on the banks of the Don River; directly East of their home and when his father retired Charles carried on the business.

In 1869 Charles bought the 200 acre farm on the Ninth Line of King Township about one-quarter mile south of the village of Nobleton, and moved there with his wife and family. After sixteen happy years here to 1885, he moved to Newtonbrooke, leaving his farm with his son Harvey--- born Nov. 17, 1851. Harvey married that same year, May 1885. There were four children in Harvey's family. Pearl, Mrs. T.A. Dick of Bolton; Octa, Mrs. O.M. Bolton of British Columbia; and two sons, Russell and Bert. Harvey retired from this farm at Nobleton in 1917, leaving his two sons on the farm.

Russell married in 1921 and in 1924 the brothers dissolved their partnership. Russell keeping the farm and Bert purchased one hundred acres of land about one-quarter mile north of Nobleton, on the Ninth Line of King Township. This now being Highway 27. Bert never married and Russell had one daughter. Russell continued to farm until March 17th, 1945 when he retired to his new home which was built on the north-east corner of the old farm. This lot he reserved for this purpose. Russell sold the farm to Mr. William Hoiles:

And so the farm which had been known as "Glen Grove" and which had been home to four generations of Sniders passed out of the Snider name. Bert (also retired) and Russell continue to live in the village of Nobleton.



THE HARVEY SNIDER FAMILY

One of the old families of Snyders who emigrated from Germany early in the history of Pennsylvania and located where the city of Philadelphia is now situated, was named Jacob, who had sons:

MARTIN---Loyal to Br. Crown in War of 1776 (1748-1828)
 ELIAS----Loyal to Br. Crown in War of 1776
 PETER----Loyal to Br. Crown in War of 1776
 CHRISTIAN-Loyal to American Flag.

Following is record of descendants of Martin Snyder.

Martin Snyder	Philadelphia	1748	1828
Sarah Armstrong	Bet. Maine&New Bruns.	1769	1869
Jacob Snyder	New Brunswick	5/6/1790	6/20/1875
Elizabeth	"	1793	1798
Mary	"	1795	1835
Martin	"	1797	1879
John	"	1800	1875
Wm.Snider (new spelling)	"	1802	1876
Amy	"	1804	1821
Sarah	"	1807	1828
Thomas	York Township	1810	1856
George	"	1813	1885
Elias	"	1815	1892
<u>Jacob Snider</u>	New Brunswick	5/6/1790	6/20/1875
<u>Rachel McCready</u>	St. Johns, N.B.	4/3/1795	3/25/1866
Wm. Henry	York Township	1816	1863
Emma	"	1818	
Martin	"	1820	1897
Charles	"	1822	1901
Mary Ann	"	1825	
Jacob	"	2/9/1830	12/14/1883
Isabella	"	1832	1901
Albert George	"	1835	1920
Jacob Snider	York Township	2/9/1830	1883
Alida Teakles	New Brunswick	6/6/1829	12/29/1903
Wellsley Hiram	Eglington	1855	1923
Adeline S.	"	1857	1930
Lillia Amanda	"	1859	1934
Jennie Valetta	"	1861	1934
Rachel	" (smallpox)	1863	11864
Arthur H.	Stanwood, Mich.	1865	1939
Gideon Chas.	"	1867	1929
Alexander Brown	Rhode Island	6/14/1857	12/29/1917
Lillia Snider	Eglington	9/17/1859	12/18/1934
Lena E.	Stanwood, Mich.	1883	
Bertha M.	Cadillac, Mich.	1889	1949
Edna Blanche	"	1894	
Hazel Marie	Durand, Mich.	1899	

"THE STEWARTS"

Charles Stewart, a handsome young Scot migrated to Canada and chose as his bonny bride, a young lady from Hall's Lake, on the 12th Concession of King township. In 1855, they were married and settled on a farm on lot 21, Concession 9, in the township of King.

To them was born two boys, Thomas and Daniel and two girls Mary and Hannah.

Thomas was trained as a school teacher and as a young adventurous lad left to make his niche in the Yukon during the Gold Rush days. He was never heard of for over thirty years but it was said that he had accumulated many a fortune only to lose it again.

This lane of adventure and the great out-door life of the Yukon has brushed off on his nephew Morley Stewart for he is greatly inspired by works of Robert Service. Mary married dr. Taggart and made her home in Tottenham and her sister Hannah married a farmer by the name of Mr. Robinson. Both girls became widows and went to live to-gether in Western Canada and later Hannah re-married, the brother-in-law of her sister.

Tragedy befell young Charles Stewart for he lost his young wife at an early age, but several years later, he married Martha Irwin. Once again he became father to four girls, Millie (Mrs. Graham of Toronto), Nell (Mrs. Walter Bell of Bell's Lake), Lottie (Mrs. David McCutcheon of Nobleton), Ettie (Mrs. Art Elkins) and one son Robert of Thisletown.

Daniel Stewart, the son of his first marriage, married Mary Louisa McGinnis of Lloydtown in 1884 and together they began farming on fifty acres on the northwest corner opposite Linton Post Office. The big stone place was a happy household, not devoid of music for many evenings were spent singing hymns, played on an old organ, which is still used by his son Morley in his home in Nobleton. Daniel and his wife were devout Presbyterians and true to their scottish ancestry attended the 9th Line Church. To this couple were born seven sons, Wilbert, Frank, Percy, Hartley, Morley, Aubrey and Elton. Although there was not a girl to ease the household burden, Mrs. Stewart taught her boys to cook and to do all types of household chores as well as farm work. In 1905, Daniel with visions of setting his sons up on 7 homesteads, sold his cattle and implements, rented his farm and headed for Western Canada.

Firstly, they settled at Mosemin, Saskatchewan and then Rockinville but tragedy once again struck, the family, for Percy and Elton died of typhoid fever. Daniel at once returned to Linton and by 1906 was once again on his own farm, having lived one year in Lloydtown; never to venture again.

They remained until their deaths, Daniel in 1938 and Mary in 1930, having handed the farm over in 1929 to their son Morley.

Morley lived the life of a bachelor for many years enjoying hunting, fishing and vacations south to Florida. His bachelor days came to an end in 1962, when he married a most charming widow, Alma Adams, the mother of two sons.

Boyd and Jerry, who had come from Park Corner, Prince Edward Island. They farmed on the homestead until retiring to Nobleton in 1967.

Wilber and Frank remained in Western Canada and Hartley all his life a railroad man became station agent at Galt, Ontario and Aubrey became an insurance agent at Bradford, Ontario.

The name of Stewart bears honourable mention in the history of the early families for these people shared love and devotion not only to their families and neighbours, but to the whole community.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Morley Stewart, for their co-operation in helping me compile the facts for this history.

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Pauline Maher



Mr. & Mrs. Morley Stewart,
Nobleton, Ontario.

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THE WELLARS

Seneca Wellar came to Canada from Pennsylvania, U.S.A. He was granted a deed for 200 acres, Lot 6, Concession 8 in King Township 28 March 1839.

He married and took his bride to a log house which was situated on about the spot where Orville Burton's house stands on Lynwood. They raised four sons, Nelson, Alonza, John and Lorenza.

To each of his sons he bequeathed 50 acres. John and Nelson situated on the west 100 acres on the 9th Concession. John never married but lived with Nelson.

Nelson married Janet MacGillivray; they had a family of twelve, namely, Alonza, Euphemia, Mary, Nelson, Neil, Wilbert, Aldon, Annie, Janet, Laura and twins who died at birth. Their eldest son Alonza married Elizabeth Gould.

Their offspring was Maggie who succumbed to diabetes at age 17 years. Russell died in infancy. Milton married Vera Cowper; they had two sons, Barney and Kenneth. Barney died at age 25. Kenneth married Joan Redvers and they have two sons, John and Jimmy. They reside on Wellar Ave. in Nobleton on the former Wellar farm.

Howard married Flossie Pringle and later Nina Shaw; they had no family. Now a widower he lives alone in the farmhouse on 27 Highway. Two of his prized possessions are the original deed to the farm and an ancient weight-driven wall clock with wooden gears. Not too much is known about the rest of this family as they settled in different parts of the province.

Seneca's third son, Alonza, married and had two daughters and three sons. Daughter married Walter Snider. Their daughter Alerta married Frank Leavens of Bolton, printer of The Bolton Enterprise. Their children were Barney, Werden, Bessie and Myra.

Minnie Snider married John A. McCutcheon and farmed the south west corner of 27 Highway and King and Vaughan town line. They raised a family of children. Frank and Walter were well known in the Nobleton area where they farmed the homestead for many years. Frank married Mildred Nattress; they had one son who is now in the printing business at

Seneca's fourth son, Lorenza, and wife, Jane Brown, had two children, Rebecca Jane and Seneca. Rebecca married Ned Elmer; their daughter, Pearl, married William Edwards of Schomberg and are well known in the Nobleton area. Pearl had two brothers, Ernie and Wilbert. Ernie married Hazel Hudson and have five children. They reside in the Barrie area. Wilbert died at age 20.

WESTBROOK FAMILY

Charles Westbrook was born 1841 East Stratton, England. His wife the former Harriet Cole was born six years later in the same village.

In 1875 this couple left England with their six children, William, Emily, Edwin, John, Walter and Louis. The oldest was six years old.

They settled on a farm at Pennville, Ontario. Here the remainder of the family was born, Thomas, Joseph, Alfred, May and George.

As they grew to manhood one by one they went to Western Canada where they all stayed with the exception of Alfred and Louis who returned to Ontario. Alfred was a thresher by trade living and serving in Vaughan for a time then moving to Nobleton where he and his wife, the former Emma Jane Kinnie had their family, Leslie, Leonard, Mable, Arthur, Harold and Jean.

Mr. Westbrook died at the age of 37 years. Leslie the eldest was then 15 years old. He was born in Vaughan, the rest in Nobleton. Leslie married Laura Boak, they have two daughters Betty and Patricia. Betty married Edward Kerr and has one son Chris. Patricia married Edward Hebert.

Leonard married Dorothy Bell of Kleinburg. They started farming in Albion, then moved to the eighth concession of King. In 1871 they sold out and retired to Nobleton. This couple have three daughters, Jean, May and Doris.

Jean married Alfred Snell of Bolton. She was left a widow with four children: Hilda, Dianne, Ralph and Glen. Jean then married William Ashley, they have a girl and a boy.

May is married to James Heuchon of Beeton. They have five children.

Doris married John Chapman of Kleinburg, they have a daughter Carol and son John. They recently moved to a farm at Arthur.

Mable Westbrook married Reeve Castator of Woodbridge. They have a daughter Louise who married James Willoughby. When Mr. & Mrs. Castator sold their farm they came to Nobleton to live in the Westbrook homestead.

Harold, better known as Mike, was a butcher. He had his own slaughter house on the tenth concession King and a retail butcher shop in Nobleton. He married Eva Cairns and had three sons: Philip, Edward and Richard.

Arthur and Jean died when quite young.

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.



"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.

Pauline Maher

" The Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce "

Local banking was first inaugurated in 1928, in the Village of Nobleton, when a sub branch of the Imperial Bank from Schomberg, under the management of Mr. W.R. Rodgers, served the people two days each week.

The bank was first located on the North - West side of Concession 9, (Highway 27), North of the Feed Mill and South of St. Albans Anglican Church, in the old Pringle residence, now a television repair shop.

This also served as the Village Public Utilities office.

During the war years (1939 - 1942), the bank due to a critical shortage of staff was forced to open only one day each week and eventually to close.

In 1955 a portable bank was erected a short distance north of the original bank site, on a vacant lot, then owned by Mr. B. Snider.

Times change with amazing rapidity and so do the needs of people, thus these premises soon proved inadequate, necessitating a newly designed permanent structure.

This was built on the East side of Concession 9, (Highway 27), south of the cross roads within the Village confines and is a very modern stone building, tastefully landscaped and equipped with an adjacent parking lot.

It was officially opened on March 1, 1961; under management of Mr. William Beacom, and as Imperial and Commerce amalgamated on June 1, 1961; it was called by the new name of The Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce.

Mr. Beacom, was followed by Mr. John Pickard as manager until 1968, when Mr. Gordon Bowerman became manager.

Since it's opening it has continued to serve the public both local and transient with efficient and courteous service.

It now boasts a permanent staff of three young ladies, Accountant, Mrs. Margaret Boyd; Teller, Mrs. Connie Dunn; and Ledger Keeper, Mrs. Audrey Bowerman.



Pauline Maher

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BRANCH HISTORY FOR NOBLETON, ONTARIO

This branch opened May 20th, 1919 as a sub-branch to Bolton of the Imperial Bank of Canada. On January 15th, 1943 it closed. It re-opened September 23rd, 1952 as a sub-branch to Schomberg. On March 1st, 1961 it became a branch, and on June 1st, 1961 the Imperial Bank of Canada and the Canadian Bank of Commerce merged to become the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce.

Branch Managers

1919	J. F. Warbrick
1927	C. C. Case
1930	W. R. Rodger
1932	E. Smith
1943	*
1952	G. W. Beard
1961	W. D. Beacom
1964	W. J. Pickard
1967	G. C. Bowerman
1979	G. L. Wilton
1986	J. Weichelt
1988	R. G. See
1989	R. Pagnotta
1992	L. M. Davies



Kaake House and
The Cherry House (70's)



Highway 27 south
standing just north
of the King Rd.



Mini Mart Plaza (1991) Hwy 27 East Side
North of King Rd



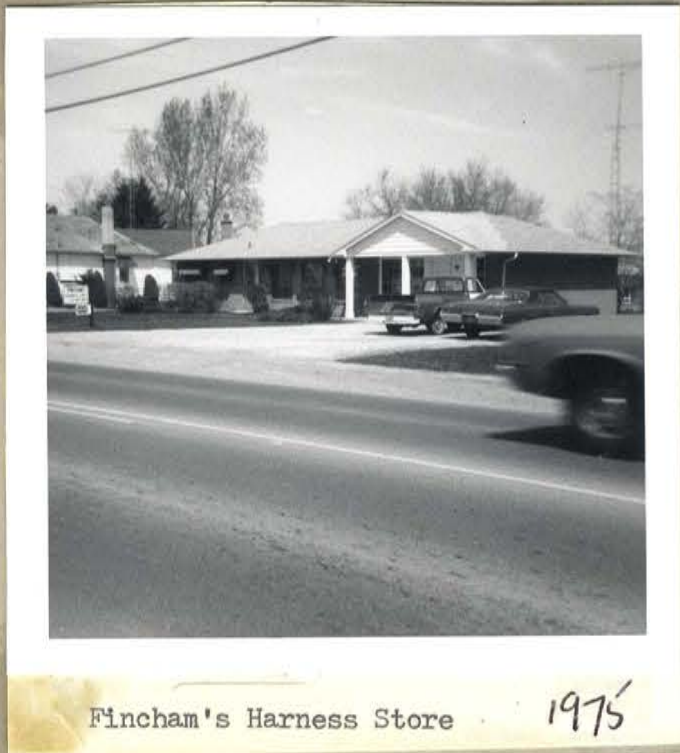
Hwy 27 ~~west~~ east side



Hwy 27 west side



Left William Rose wife Margaret & son Harold in 1912
Right 1993



NOBLETON TRAVEL 1991



MACTIQUES GIFTS AND FLOWERS
corner of Hy 27 and Wilson

Commercial area just
north of Hill Farm Road



Imperial Ballroom



1991





Stopped at the stop position on King Sideroad looking south along Hwy. No. 27. *from Cherry Park*

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Gulf Service Station
STARTED TEARING IT DOWN AUG. 7/85



Above
Petro-Canada south west corner
Below
Nobleton Garage south east corner



South on Hwy. No. 27 looking towards the King Side



1991



L Oliver Emerson in front of Grocery Store
R Fincham Harness and residence of Lydia Emerson



DANIELS
Came to Nobleton in 1980 from Toronto



Dr. Hurst's Dental Clinic came to plaza in 1963 moved to Hy 27 in 1987 Associates Dr. Feleppi and Dr. Ross



The Ellis farm before the subdivision

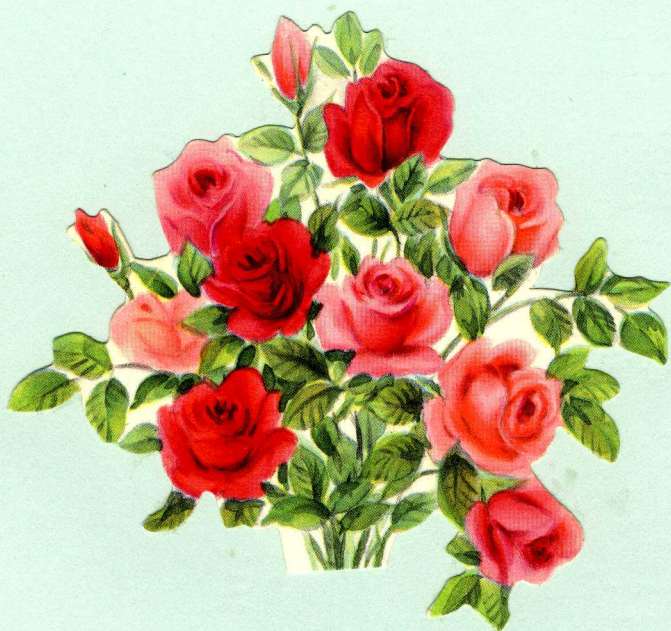


Ellis Avenue looking west from Hy 27



Forest Mactaggart Farm

HORTICULTURAL



SOCIETY

Nobleton Horticultural Society

Due to the fact that we have so many newcomers to the Nobleton district it was suggested by a few ladies of the Women's Institute that a Horticultural Society be formed in this area.

Mrs. Ken Mactaggart arranged the organization meeting, at which Mr. St. Clair Tennant of Kleinburg and the Vice President of the Ontario Horticultural Association, was appointed chairman.

This meeting took place on January 20th 1958 at the Nobleton Community Hall. The officers and directors elected and appointed were:

President:	Mr. J.H. Neate
1st Vice Pres.	Mr. Robert Wensley
2nd Vice Pres.	Mr. C. Flinders
Directors for one year:	
	Mrs. George Lamont
	Mrs. Lorne Goodfellow
	Mrs. Fergus Mactaggart
	Mrs. Ken Mactaggart
	Mrs. St. Clair Tennant

Directors for two years:

	Mrs. James Lunt
	Mrs. Evelyn Huycke
	Mrs. Gordon Chapman
	Mrs. W. McIntyre
	Mr. St. Clair Tennant
Secretary:	Mrs. Robert Wensley
Treasurer:	Mrs. Howard Goodfellow
Auditors :	Mr. Russell Snider
	Mr. Robert Walton

We started with 62 members and ended the year with 123

We held 4 flowers shows the first year at which there were 1002 entries made and 50 junior entries.

We held 6 evening meetings and had 4 speakers.

Civic Improvement projects for the following year are landscaping the Water tower and pump house.

HISTORY OF NOBLETON & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Several ladies, former members of Woodbridge Horticultural Society and members of Nobleton Women's Institute were instrumental in helping to form the Horticultural Society in Nobleton some of whom were Mrs. Russell Snider, Mrs. Howard Goodfellow and Mrs. K. Mactaggart. Mrs. K. Mactaggart acted as secretary and made the first necessary steps in the organization of the Society through Mr. St. Clair Tennant and O.H.A. in 1957.

The first general meeting of our Society was held January 20th, 1958 in Nobleton Community Hall with Mr. St. Clair Tennant was chairman. The election of officers were:

President: Mr. J. H. Neate
1st Vice President: Mr. Robert Wensley
2nd Vice President: Mr. C. Flinders
Secretary: Mrs. Robert Wensley
Assistant Secretary: Mrs. Russell Snider
Treasurer: Mrs. H. Goodfellow

Meetings were held in Community Hall with rental being \$8.00 for upstairs and \$15.00 for both upstairs and downstairs.

Premiums were given for new members up until June.

CHARTER MEMBERS

Mrs. Gordon Chapman	Mr. & Mrs. J. H. Neate
Mrs. Albert Hill	Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Bean
Mrs. Raymond Huycke	Mrs. Roy Arlow
Mrs. Wilson Armstrong	Mrs. Ken Mactaggart
Mr. Len Bishop	Mrs. Howard Goodfellow
Mrs. Len Bishop	Mrs. John Sheardown
Mrs. Norman Robinson	Mrs. John Mitchell
Mrs. Stokes Chamberlain	Mrs. J. E. Arnott
Mrs. Chris Chamberlain	Mr. John Arnott
Mr. St. Clair Tennant	Mrs. V. H. Nelson
Mrs. Stanley Cain	Mrs. T. Bush
Mr. & Mrs. Russell Snider	Mrs. Irene Bailey
Mr. & Mrs. C. Flinders	Miss Doris Riley
Mrs. E. Wolfenden	Mrs. Monica Dayus
Mrs. J. Merritt	Mrs. Stanley Gillespie
Mrs. Stan Pringle	Mrs. Charles Gorman
Mrs. Helen McIntyre	Mrs. Ken Goodfellow
Mrs. June Curtis	Mrs. Lorne Goodfellow
Mrs. Shiela Kelly	Mrs. James Thivierge
Mrs. James Reid	Mr. & Mrs. Delbert Arlow
Mrs. Fergus Mactaggart	Mr. & Mrs. E. Stanley
Mrs. Dave Talbot	Mr. Robert Walton
Mrs. Geo. Lamont	

1958 & 1959

Membership was 121 and 122 for 1958 and 1959.

Some special programs of 1958:

Mr. Geo. Lumes illustrated lecture on "Roses"
Mrs. Fergus Mactaggart, a demonstration on "Corsages"
Mrs. H. Goodfellow, a demonstration on "Flower Arranging"

In 1959, Mr. Robert Walton gave a talk on growing roses.
Mr. Tennant demonstrated uses of Cold Frames, Hot Beds and early Spring Planting.
Professor Weall of the O.H.C. lectured on Foundation Planting.
Mr. John Clark showed slides for Junior Night.

The first Annual dinner was held in the Community Hall in Nobleton with the Bolton Presbyterian Ladies Guild catering at \$2.00 per serving. Miss Eric Kaake in charge. Flowers were provided by Mr. Neate and Mrs. Pearl Mactaggart made corsages. The Head Table included Mr. & Mrs. St. Clair Tennant, Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Hodgson (Reeve & wife), Rev. & Mrs. French, Miss Freda James the guest speaker, Mrs. Pearl Mactaggart introducing speaker and Pres. Mr. J. Neate and Mrs. Neate.

There were 4 monthly shows in summer of 1958. Thirty of the members made 1002 entries, 50 made by Junior. Tea was served by Horticulture Social at 3 meetings netted \$51.90 for the Society.

Mrs. Forest Mactaggart was winner of the Women's Institute Trophy with 164 points. Mrs John Sheardown was high Novice. (1958)

In 1959 the Juniors had a membership of 55.

Civic Improvement projects were foundation planting at pump house and flower bed at Nobleton Cemetery. A flower bed was planted twice in the spring with tulips and annuals for summer. Mr. C. Flinders as chairman, and Mrs. Nelson rendered great service on Sales and Supplies.

Mrs. Fergus Mactaggart won the Institute Trophy for 1961.
Miss Cheryl Mactaggart won the Junior Robert Walton Trophy.

Mr. J. H. Neate rendered two years of excellent service for first two years of Nobleton and District Horticultural Society.

1960

Mr. Robert Wensley was 1960's President.

There were several special speakers:

Professor Weall of O.A.C. on Landscaping with drawings.
Art Display with a May Flower Show by Mr. Marshal and friends also Draw for Picture.
Japanese Garden Club put on a Special Japanese Night.
Showing Japanese Flower Arranging in their special.
Japanese costumes, around 100 attended.
Ken Reeves spoke on "Mums".

Mr. Eric Eif on "Soil Improvement".
Mr. Geo. Armitage of Conservation showed slides.

The Seniors had 600 entries in 5 shows.

Mrs. John Sheardown was winner of the Women's Institute Trophy with 174 points.
Mrs. J. Neate Runner up.
Mrs. N. Martyn was high Novice.

The Juniors had 148 entries in 3 shows.

Miss Gail Mactaggart won Robert Walton Trophy with 82 point.
Miss Cheryl Mactaggart was second.

1961

Mr. Cyril Flinders was President for first time in 1961. The Seniors held 7 flower shows, 30 exhibitors with a total of 488 pts.

Mr. Russell Snider had charge of Civic Improvement when they provided flowers for Decreation Day in Nobleton Community Cemetery and took care of the Flower Beds there.

Guest Speakers were:

Mr. Robert Keith on New Flowers for 1961.
Mrs. E. Fisher on Africian Violets.
Open Guest Night with guests from Roselands, Schomberg and Woodbridge Societies.
Professor from O.A.C. on "Landscaping".
Professor Taylor on "Roses & Other Plants".

The Three Nobleton Churches took charge of tea and lunch for Saturday shows.

Mrs. Stokes Chamberlain won Institute Trophy with 92 points.
Mrs. Joe Armstrong highest points in any one show.
Mrs. Marion Pearson was high novice.

It was voted to give 5 cents per point for Seniors and 3 cents for Juniors.

1962 & 1963

These two years were very ably handled with Mrs. Fergus Mactaggart as President. She had two very successful years. Work was continued in both cemeteries. Prizes were given for Outdoor X-mas lights or decorations.

Mrs. N. Martyn acted as secretary. The speakers included:

Mr. Bill Harlnotl illustrated lecture on Shrubs and Perennials.
Mr. E. Fisher on Africian Violets.

Open meeting with guests from Woodbridge and Schomberg. The Aurora Society were our guests and provided program. Mr. Donald Wain on "Spring Annuals". Mrs. Shirley Hulse typed the year book. We were guests of Schomberg and heard Mr. R. D. Little on "Iris." The membership reached 126 for the Seniors. Premiums were given to members.

Planted evergreens at the Fire Hall and annuals in the cemetery.

Cleared, levelled and seeded cemetery by Water Tower. The Juniors had 87 members. The Seniors held 7 meetings in the Community Hall.

1964

Mr. Cyril Flinders served as President for his second term of office having served in 1961. There was a membership of 112 members.

Some Highlights were:

Mr. Johnston of Scarboro Society on Growing Mums

Mr. Siebert on Glads

Greenfield on Garden Products

Mr. Love from Dept. of Lands and Forests for Junior night Demonstration on evergreen planting by Mrs. Elie

Demonstration on making corsage and party arrangements by Mrs. Bruce Chapman

Selection and Preparation of Driftwood by Mr. D. Fox.

Door Prizes given at each meeting.

Annual meeting and dinner held in Community Hall. There were 7 flower shows, 467 entries and 31 exhibitors.

Open house when guests were present from Shomberg, Woodbridge and Richmond Hill.

There were 58 Junior Members.

Mr. Donald Armstrong won Junior Cup

Linda Baguley 2nd.

Most interesting Japanese Flower Arranging Course was held at the home of Mrs. Wm. Rutherford.

A tour was taken to Toronto High Park.

Draw made on Oil Painting to raise funds.

Mr. Russell Snider on Civic Improvements planted a privet hedge in cemetery by water tower.

Mrs. Don Farley highest points not having had the cup and so won Institute Trophy.

Mrs. Edythe Fox was high Novice.

Mrs. T. Elie acted as Secretary. Mrs. Stokes Chamberlain headed a most successful year in plant sales and supplies.

1965 to August 1966

Mr. Theodore Elie served as President during this time. Plans were made to have a small park just east of town in the Wedge formed by the old and new King Roads. Premiums were given to members as in previous years. The three Nobleton Churches again looked after the tea for Saturday shows during the summer.

Special speakers were:

Leslie Loking of Botanical Gardens in Hamilton.

Mrs. Dorothy Irwin was presented with a gift from the Society on her recent marriage and departure from the Society.

The Annual Banquet was held at Cedar Glenn for 1965. There were 7 monthly shows.

Horticulture was requested by Mrs. Albert Hill to plant evergreens on her husband's grave. It was carried out by the Society.

RESTORE OLD CEMETERY

A meeting was held at which representatives of the United Church, the Village, Directors of the Lions Club, headed by Mr. William Beacom, and the Horticultural Society discussed the project of restoring and clearing up the Cemetery on the Bolton Sideroad near the water tower. Mr. Snell of the Cemetery Superintendent's Office (Ontario Department of Health) was also present.

The response of the community to help in this project was overwhelming.

The Horticultural Society planted shrubs and perennials to beautify this hallowed spot where many of the district's pioneer families have been laid to rest.

As a fitting climax to the evening's labor the ladies of the society prepared a supper served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stokes Chamberlain.



The Civic Improvement started development in the Park. The Society provided \$300.00, and the Local residents provided \$150.00

Aug. 1966 - 1967 & 1968

This term of office was taken by Mrs. Ken Mactaggart as President beginning in Fall of 1966, since Mr. Elie moved from the District. All meetings with the exception of summer shows were held in the United Church due to the Hall rent being so high, \$27.00 per month. The Annual Banquet was again held in the Community Hall.

Every year until 1968 baskets of flowers have been given to the Community Cemetery for Decoration Day. In 1967, it being the Centennial year, many things were done to beautify Nobleton.

Flowering Crabapple trees were given to each of the three Churches, United, Anglican and Presbyterian. Two large trees were donated to the Community cemetery (Flowering Crab and Red Maple). A flowering crab tree, a new Canadian flag, a cement-end bench and evergreens were donated to the new Library. Two cement-end benches were given to the Community Park and shelterbelt of evergreens were planted in the Arena Park. As in previous years, petunias were planted in the Community Cemetery and also in small park east of town.

They sold tickets on a Centennial Rose Quilt which was bought from the U.C.W.

They entered a float for the 1st of July Celebrations for Centennial year.

The group took a bus trip to Midland and had a most enjoyable day.

The Society held an antique show in connection with the Flower show in 1967.

In 1968, we sold tickets on Garden Furniture. Much of which was donated by the McMath Convalescent Home.

An extra cup was donated during my term for highest points in Spring bulbs won by Mrs. Stokes Chamberlain in 1967 and Mrs. Tom Walker in 1968. High Novice in 1967 was Mr. Tom Walker, and in 1968 the High Novice was Mrs. Robert Hayward.

A cup winners class was introduced during my term and high winner was Mrs. Stokes Chamberlain in 1967 and Mrs. Stewart Millow in 1968.

1969-70- Pres Mrs Tom Anderson

1970-71 Pres. Mrs Forest Mactaggart

Winners of the Robert Walton Junior Cup from 1958---1968 are:

1958 won by Gail Mactaggart
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1962 won by Neil Irwin
1963 won by John Glass
1964 won by Donald Armstrong
1965 won by Elizabeth Peldszus
1966 won by Debbie Peldszus
1967 won by Laura Simpson
1968 won by Brant Kenny
1969 won by Sandra MacDonald
1970 won by Raymond Armstrong
1971 won by Kelly MacDonald
1972 won by Patti Burton
1973 won by Linda Workman
1974 won by Jennifer Haller

Alist of Institute Cup Winners. This cup was donated by the Womens Institute of Nobleton in the year 1958.

1958 - Mrs. Forest Mactaggart
1959 - Mrs. Fergus Mactaggart
1960 - Mrs. John Sheardown
1961 - Mrs. Stokes Chamberlain
1962 - Mrs. Ken Mactaggart
1963 - Mrs. Ed Fletcher
1964 - Mrs. Don Farley
1965 - Mrs. John Neate
1966 - Mrs. Wm. Rutherford
1967 - Mrs. Stewart Mellow
1968 - Mrs. Tom Walker
1969 - Mrs. Roy Arlow
1970 - Mrs. Tom Walker
1971 - Mrs. Barbara Downey
1972 - Mr. Alex Thompson
1973 - Mrs. Harkwood Castator
1974 - Mrs. Alma Haller
1975 - Mr. Tom Walker
1976 - Mrs. Tom Walker
1977 - Mrs. Elsie St. Jacques

KING ROAD EAST OF HWY 27



CHERRY PARK
house torn down when road was made



1991



1975





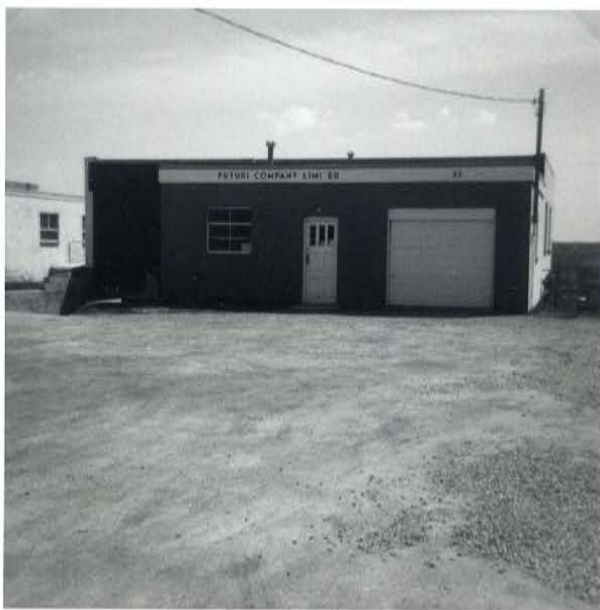
South East corner
Left Kaake's Store
Right now the Towerburger



King Road at the turn of to
the mill looking west



NOBLETON FEED MILL



Futuri Co. Limited



now it is DiFebo's



Left
 Pete Williamson's Butcher Shop
 Right
 Nobleton donut added



Left
 Home Hardware store
 Right
 Pizza Shop and three new stores



Left
 Real Estate Office
 Right
 Nobleton Veterinary Office



Broom Factory



as it looks now

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Bell Telephone Building



Left some new stores on King Rd. E.
Right Petro-Canada supply Depot

KING ROAD WEST OF HWY 27



HAMBLEY HOUSE



NOBLETON FOOD MARKET 1991

HISTORY OF THE NOBLETON AMBULANCE SERVICE

In 1964, Nobleton had a population of 600 and a one-room school. Members of the Nobleton Fire Department formed the "Nobleton Firefighters Club" which purchased a 1953 Pontiac ambulance. The service went into operation in March. The ambulance operation was the responsibility of the townspeople and the Volunteer Fire Department; members of the service included a homemaker, an insurance broker, a pharmacist and a garage mechanic. The only qualification/credential required of original staff was a "commitment of time".

The calls (only 4's, no 8's) were dispatched by direct phone call from the Vaughan Fire Department in Maple, using a prepared duty list. The attendants responded in "as is" attire. York Central and Etobicoke General had not been built at that time, so people from the coverage area of Nobleton, King City, Bolton, Kleinburg and Schomberg were taken to York County, Peel Memorial or Humber Memorial Hospitals.

In the spring of 1966, the club was incorporated as the "Nobleton Firefighters and Ambulance Association".

In 1968, the Nobleton Lion's Club, bought and turned over to the association, a new ambulance, a modern "International" with bells and lights but no attendant front seat. The ambulance was still kept in the fire hall but dispatching was done by a portable paging system, about the size and weight of a 12 pack of beer. Two of the crew had the pagers and a phone list. Each person phoned until two people were found who could respond to the call.

By this time response time and coverage had improved because Bolton had its own ambulance and York Central and Etobicoke General had been built. A first aid certificate along with traditional willingness to help were the only requirements. The training sessions included how to jumpstart the ambulance at 7 below Fahrenheit.

In 1969, all ambulance services in Ontario are part of the Ontario Hospital Services Commission. The Nobleton service averages 80 calls a year.

In 1974, uniforms were issued to the 8 to 10 people who did regular shifts. The service was still stationed at the fire hall with the big monitor boxes still being used.

In 1976, a manager took charge of the service and introduced a pay system- \$2.00 per shift and \$10.00 for the weekend shift from 6pm Friday to 6 am Monday). George Quinn also introduced uniforms, rosters, pagers, monthly training sessions and he started dialogue with the Ministry of Health.

In 1984, Linda Pabst had taken over as manager and the service was now located in a new hall beside the arena. The staff had increased to 40 trained ambulance attendants.

In 1987, Mr. George Quinn, a man who did more than his share for Nobleton, passed away. He is missed by all.

In 1986-87, Nobleton Ambulance responded to 1870 calls.

Expand and renovate home for Nobleton ambulance base

By Carol Christian

Thanks to a \$200,000 grant from the Ontario Ministry of Health, the Nobleton ambulance base now has four vehicle bays, an upper level which includes crews' quarters and an office, and air conditioning.

The construction was started in May and although it led to some difficulties for the base's employees and volunteers, they moved into the new quarters Aug. 1.

The Nobleton base, which has been in operation for more than 25 years, was expanded and renovated because the Ministry of Health needed a centre for transfer vehicles. The Nobleton location, with revamping, was the most cost effective.

Gerry Lindgren, who has been with the service 17 years, told The Weekly that while other locations

were looked at, Nobleton was already an ongoing service with fully trained personnel.

It was also chosen because of its central location and close proximity to Highway 400.

The expansion to Nobleton has cut down on the need to take emergency vehicles out of their area to transfer non-critical patients from hospital to hospital or home.

While the new facilities were being built, the ambulance service was operated out of a trailer behind the construction site with no storage facilities for equipment or vehicles.

Ms. Lindgren, who serves as a part time employee, public relations officer and a volunteer attendant, said working out of the

trailer was frustrating and rough but they managed.

The building's new second floor houses three bedrooms, two bathrooms, a living room, kitchen, office and a staff training room, which includes lockers.

The lower level has been renovated as home to three vehicles, an emergency vehicle, a transfer unit and a spare Regional ambulance, used by the service.

The transfer unit is the busiest vehicle of the service answering four to five calls a day along the Highway 400 corridor to move patients in and out of the city, said Ms. Lindgren.

The emergency vehicle responds to about 2,500 calls a year.

The Nobleton operation is responsible for emergency calls from Highway 9 south to Kleinburg, and from the King-Caledon Line east to Dufferin Street.

Ms. Lindgren explained that since Woodbridge and Aurora have an ambulance service the Kleinburg and Dufferin Street boundaries are shared.

She added that the staff is happy with the new facility, though awaiting some last minute touch ups, but lamented that having a larger space increases the amount of housework.

"It's harder to keep clean," she said, adding that they have a cleaning schedule for the building and vehicles.

The service has five full time employees, about half a dozen part time and about 20 to 25 volunteers, but the "list is going down rapidly."

Ms. Lindgren told The Weekly the service "would like a lot more volunteers" as the service is "basically a volunteer unit and we'd like to maintain it as that."

For more information on being a volunteer call 859-0716.

Volunteers work two 12-hour shifts a month after being trained extensively for more than eight months. Training includes going out on calls with the regular attendants.

"We have a very good training program," which is conducted by

Gordon Hooper, said Ms. Lindgren.

The base is always manned by a two-person crew working 12-hour shifts, 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. then to 6:00 a.m. in three-week rotations.

The transfer unit is on the road most of the day from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., noted Ms. Lindgren.



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Gerry Lindgren and Mike Castro in front of the expanded base.



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NOBLETON COMMUNITY HALL

The information that we can gather at this time, 1962, from our oldest residents, some over 80 years, is to the fact that the former building on the present hall site, was known as the music hall, because it was taken care of and mostly used by the Nobleton Band, but it is an established fact that it was not built by them. Some have suggested there was a group called The Sons of Temperance and it is possible they built it, as they were a fairly strong organization. We do know that a lease was given by Martin Snider for 99 years (this was originally Mr. Snider's property).

The old building was of frame construction and to our knowledge never painted, much smaller than the present building. While the band was in charge, and this was over quite a period of years, George Holden, affectionally known as Daddy Holden, took care of it. It was used for band practice and concerts. The small boys of the village took a delight in coming to the hall during practice to hear the music. Some we have in mind were Howard and M. Wellar, Harold Pringle. There were not so many organized clubs and activities for boys at that time.

The band had about 22 members led by Johnnie Pringle and later Mr. McDonald. Some of the places they regaled with their music were Dr. Carmichael's Strawberry Festivals held at the Manse near the 6th Concession, Mulock's farm on Yonge St., Lennox picnic at Jackson's Point. For some of these gatherings they received \$40.00 and at garden parties and smaller affairs they were given their supper or a hat would be passed around. No one was paid but the money was used to defray expenses. Two band wagons were used for transportation. Appropriate music was played at funerals and several families requested this service. To the different young people connected with this band much interest and pleasure was derived. However the pendulum swings and like most activities, come to an end.

Other groups became interested in using this building... S.S. parties were held there and at one a lamp was knocked over starting a fire. No tragedy resulted as Hec. White took off his coat and threw it over the small blaze. The S.S. responded by buying him a new coat.

Space was needed as time went by and three trustees were appointed to begin some repairs...the gallery that was over the front entrance was removed. There was no basement under the old building and one large stove was used for heat. When a dance was in progress the stag line was several layers deep just inside the entrance. The ladies sat around the sides on display hoping not to be wallflowers. Concerts and box socials became popular. Medicine troops came also council meetings, nominations and political meetings. One social event of the year was the dance held by invitation only. This was quite an elaborate affair in those days. The ladies spent a great deal of money and time to be the bell of the ball.

As time went by the old building was becoming inadequate to meet the demands of all the activities. A community meeting was called under pressure from the W.I. on March 25th 1935. Three new trustees were nominated as there hadn't been a change for some year. The three were N. Robb, R. Snider and L. Good-fellow. So with the Community and the W.I. behind them, they planned a new building and 1936 saw the completion of our present community hall. When they started, the W.I. had \$300. on hand. A committee was added to the trustees.

namely, Harold Pringle, E.J. Kaake, Llyle Stewart, Delbert Arlow, Harold Taylor Lyman Davies and Thomas McMurchy. The names of Mrs. D. Arlow and Mrs. A. Gillham were added to represent the W.I. Clarence Trainor and Harold Segar to represent the Junior Farmers.

The new hall cost approximately \$3,578. This money was all raised but \$1,500 and the trustees signed this mortgage and asked to be left in charge until this was paid off.

Mr. J. Cherry was hired as caretaker in 1940 and served faithfully for several years. Special fund raising committees were set up and a great deal of money made from dances and a special drive to pay off the mortgage was held in our first Jamboree which was a big success and we were free of debt. Our next project was the building of the Arena, after this was accomplished, there was a community association appointed with one new member added each year and one retiring. Then the deed of the hall was turned over to this association and the business of both hall and arena were looked after by this group. The W.I. played a big part in both projects helping keep the hall in repair. At the present time, 1962, a big project is in the making and we will hope to report this a big success.

In the spring of 1962, a new kitchen was installed by contractor Bruce Clark, two new washrooms upstairs by contractor Hultse of Schomberg, some improvements to the floor surface. The W.I. contributed around \$3,000. to this project.



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A social event was in progress around 1910 when this photo was taken in the building which was known as Nobleton's "Music Hall." Land on which the frame structure was built was donated by a local farmer in 1885 and, over the years, it became a centre for many community activities.



Interior of Community Hall 1992
Above - Upper Level Facing South
Below - Upper Level Facing North





Lower Level of Community Hall 1992
Top - Kitchen
Middle - South End
Bottom - North End



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**Banquet Marks Opening
 of Nobleton's New Hall**

The banquet on Friday night to officially mark the completion and opening of Nobleton's new community hall will be remembered as one of the most auspicious events in the history of the King Township village. Every available ticket was sold and many prominent persons attended.

The realization of a desire held for many years by Nobleton and district residents for a better hall was evident to those who inspected the up-to-date community centre, which has already become the hub of the community's social activities. Upon examination the building revealed itself as being complete and adequate in every particular for today and years to come. It was therefore with a feeling of the utmost satisfaction, gained from the fact that their new hall was now a reality, that local residents sat down to well laden tables, and with the guests admiration of the achievement in building such a fine hall was felt most dominantly.

The banquet was a most enjoyable affair. A splendid menu was arranged and an entertaining toast list was carried out with the popular radio announcer, Jim Hunter, acting in the capacity of toastmaster. Toasts were interspersed with selections by the orchestra and community singing. Until the arrival of Jim Hunter, Foster Hewitt, the incomparable sports announcer, so well known from coast to coast, substituted, and in the parlance of the hockey fan, "scored again."

"To those who have contributed or assisted in the building of the hall" was the important toast proposed by Rev. F. V. Abbott. In response Norman Robb, one of the leaders in the new hall movement, spoke of the whole-hearted support accorded the project by Nobleton and district residents and how the early organization was done and the final completion realized after months of hard though harmonious work on the part of both ladies and men.

To Mrs. Norman Davidson, Russell Snider and Lorne B. Goodfellow he especially referred for the indefatigable energy they put forth from start to finish. A brief tribute was extended Harvey L. Snider, 87 year old native of Nobleton who was present. Also among those present was Mrs. Fanny Pringle, Nobleton, whose father, Martin Snider, donated the land three quarters of a century

ago for the old "Music Hall." The new hall has been built on the same site. To those persons, who have lately moved to the Nobleton district and have their farms and summer places thereabouts, sincere thanks was extended for their generous financial aid.

The fertile farming lands and the fine people of the Township of King came in for some very kind words when Fred Whitlow proposed the toast, "The Municipality of King." The speaker touched briefly on the historical background of the township and told some humorous incidents concerning his avocation-farming. Asking how Nobleton got its name, upon inquiry, we find the speaker was right—from a family by the name of Noble who settled in the district a century ago. Incidentally the mother of Lord Beaverbrook Canadian-born English publishing magnate, was a Noble and a descendant of the family after which Nobleton was named. Reeve J. F. Jefferson in replying told of the fine qualities which characterized King, the largest township in York county, and of the close proximity to Toronto which makes it so attractive to city dwellers, who wish summer places,

It was with profound regret that those present learned from Rev. S. J. T. Fortner that the guest speaker, Hon. Newton W. Rowell, Chief Justice of the Province of Ontario, was unable to be present owing to indisposition. Mrs. Rowell was present and occupied a seat at the head table and brought greeting from the distinguished jurist. Mr. H. R. Jackson, the guest speaker, told of the joy it was to get away from the city to their farms in the Nobleton vicinity and mingle and enjoy the company of the people of the district.

The toast to the ladies was proposed by Crown Attorney C. L. Snyder. He jocularly described the ladies as "Angels of the Kitchen" and evoked much laughter with his description of a Scottish police court scene. In replying on behalf of the ladies Miss Margaret Watson alluded to the aid the ladies of the district had been in the building of the new hall. She thanked the gentlemen present in pleasing terms for honoring the ladies with the toast.

The climax to the affair came when those present were joined by many from the wide area and dancing enjoyed to the swing of music on the glistening and inviting new floor.



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With a fully equipped kitchen and dining facility on the lower level and bar facilities and dance floor on the upper level, the hall is used extensively for activities such as banquets, receptions, meetings, voting, Girl Guides, Horticultural shows, Lions Club, Women's Institute, craft shows, church bazaars and euchre. The hall is "owned" by King Township and is supported by rental fees for use. A volunteer board of management oversees the running of the hall. The hall board includes members from the Women's Institute (Jean Boynton, Dorothy Lane and Mary Anne Merritt) and the Lions' Club (Lloyd Smith, Ken Hodgson and Joe Tasca). The current caretakers are Jan and David Ball. The board makes sure that minor improvements and maintenance are done on a yearly basis. In 1979, the front entrance was closed up and a side entrance and foyer were added. A new furnace was installed in 1982 and glass display cases were added to the foyer in 1983. The appreciation of the people in town goes to the hall board and the township for continuing to provide this excellent space for community activities. (1996)

Nobleton Curling Club

Nobleton Curling Club was formed early in 1956 with the first games being played in February and March of that year.

The first full season started in November, 1956, with fifty-six playing members. Five sheets of ice were marked on the ice surface of the arena and games were played every Wednesday from 7-9 and 9-11 P.M.

The curling stones were used ones purchased from Bolton and Alliston. Later purchases were made at Fenelon Falls and Cobourg.

In the 1957-58 season the membership dropped to 40 and curling was on Thursdays from 7-9. The following year the times were changed to 7:30-10 P.M. and have remained thus ever since. After the games members move upstairs for coffee and sandwiches. Each week the four members of the designated rink bring a loaf of bread made up into sandwiches, the Club provides the coffee, pickles, cheese etc.

The season 1958-59 saw the introduction of the Annual Banquet and dance. This takes place in the community hall, usually in April, and is the occasion at which the various winners receive their trophies. For the remainder of the year the trophies are on display in the Club's cabinet in the arena.

1958-59 also saw the first of the weekly raffles, the object being to meet some of the expense without a raise in fees. A 25¢ ticket gives the member a chance to win the prize. The first season or two most of the prizes were donated by members, but latterly the majority have been supplied by the Club.

Despite - or maybe because of - the uneven ice surface, members have, on the whole, acquitted themselves fairly well at local Bonspiels, and have on occasion, come home with prizes. Our own first bonspiel - for Nobleton Men's and Ladie's Clubs - was held between Christmas and New Year 1967-68, and was rated successful enough to repeat in future years.

Peter Hunt.

Nobleton Figure Skating Club

During the fall and winter of 1956 a Miss June Barrington, of Toronto, worked with a few children in the Nobleton arena and created a certain amount of interest in figure skating. When this season came to an end the King City Lion's Club held a fun night at the arena and the skaters of Nobleton were asked to be part of this night. When the fall season arrived a Mrs. M. Bailie, of Thornhill, came to Nobleton and talked to Keith Banting, who was the caretaker of the arena, about the possibility of renting ice time for her son Brian. Brian was an exceptionally good skater and needed practice time. Mrs. Bailie suggested we might form a figure skating club in Nobleton if enough interested people could be found to form an executive. Interested people were found, and though the first executive did a certain amount of floundering the Nobleton Figure skating club was formed. The first executive members were - a Mrs. Lewis was the first President and the following ladies completed the group: Mrs. Jim Reid, Mrs. Len Bishop, Mrs. Pat Herman, Mrs. Mel Sampson, Mrs. M. Bailie, Miss Margaret Arnott and Mrs. Ray Huycke. The first club professional was Miss Donna Mae Bell and the club boasted of their thirty five members.

In the fall of 1957 Mrs. J.C. Arnott was President and the club pro was Mr. Gordon Manzie. The carnival was held on two nights and an enthusiastic crowd welcomed all the abilities of the new skaters.

1958 was the year the Club joined the Canadian Figure Skating Association, Mrs. Len Bishop being president.

Mr. Robt. Tomalin was president for the years 1960-61; 1961-62 and the Club now engaged two professionals - a Miss Sonja Davis and Mr. Gordon Manzie.

Mrs. Peter Hunt was elected President for 1962-63 and the pros this year were Miss Sonja Davis and Mr. Verdun Bourdon. 1963-64 saw Mrs. Hunt as President again and club continued to grow. Carnival time was a real highlight of every season and the excellent performances always a treat to watch. With capable teachers to direct them the skaters are becoming very graceful skaters.

With Mrs. E.J. Lowans as President of the Club another successful year-1964-65 - was completed.

The year 1965-66 the Club held competitions with trophies presented. The skaters who won these competitions were assured a solo spot in the carnival. Mrs. A. Gillespie was president this year. Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Walker donated a trophy for Intermediate Girls class, the first winners of this class being Lorraine Flear, Beverley Brydon and Nora Smith. Miss Margaret Arnott gave a trophy for Novice Girls annual class. Winners in this class were Susan Diplock, Carolyn Scott and Debbie Pitkin. Dr. David Harper donated a trophy for Juvenile Girls - first winners were Kathy Kitchen, Rhonda DeCaire and Virginia Arnott. Mr. & Mrs. Peter Hunt presented, to the club, Juvenile Boys annual trophy, first to win this being Douglas Hilliard and Rick Little.

Mr. Cliff Arnott was President during the 1966-67 season. There were two new professional teachers this year i.e. Mrs. Betty Smith and Miss Mary Phillips. This is the tenth year of the Nobleton Figure Skating Club and the continued interest and growth makes the running of such a club gratifying. The competitions were well received again with excited winners in every age group. Dr. John Fenn donated the Novice Boys annual trophy. Also, there was

a trophy given to the club by Mr. Gordon Cook, Mr. Ken Mactaggart, Mr. Ernest Crossland and Mr. Cyril Flinders. This trophy was to be presented to the "beginner skater who made most progress in the current season".

1967-68 President was Mrs. Shirley Scott. The same two professionals are still with the club.

As the club continued to grow it was felt more trophies were needed. This year Mr. & Mrs. Robert L. Miller donated the Senior Annual Trophy. The first winners of this trophy were Nora Smith and second Dianne Tozer. Membership reached one hundred and sixty this year, it is noted the following skaters have been with the club since the beginning - Wendy Bishop, Marilyn Hunt and Lorraine Flear.

Mr. Peter Hunt was elected president for the 1968-69 season. The club professionals are Mrs. Betty Smith and Mr. David Thomas. This year saw a competition held for a club crest. All skaters were eligible to enter this contest and Rick Little created the winning crest for Nobleton Figure Skating club. The prize of a wrist watch was presented to Ricky. Competitions again were held with winners in every category. This year the Nobleton Lion's Club donated the Intermediate Boys annual trophy.

1969-70 season saw a number of firsts in the Nobleton Club after thirteen years. Membership had to be closed, classes were completely filled and the ice time fully taken up with group lessons. Also, for the first time three performances of the carnival was staged, the Sunday afternoon show proved quite popular. This was also the first year for Junior Competitions. All the junior members had a chance to compete within their own skating groups. Each winner received a trophy. Also, a dance competition was held and there is a Senior Ladies and Senior Men's class. Executive members of 1969-70 are as follows: President - Peter Hunt; 1st Vice President Mr. Bob Tomlin; 2nd Vice President Ruth Peterson; Secretary Mr. Gordon Traviss and Treasurer Mrs. Herta Schad. The community as well as the skating club has grown tremendously over the years and with such keen interest shown by so many in the Nobleton Figure Skating Club it is bound to be a continued success.

Three new trophies were donated to the Skating Club this season:
Mr. & Mrs. Cecil Hilliard - Men's Senior Annual Trophy;
Mr. & Mrs. Fred McCreary - Dance Pairs annual trophy.
Rowan's Auto Electric - Junior Competition Trophy.

Thanks must be expressed to the entire community for the continued interest and support given to the Nobleton Figure Skating Club.

Mrs. Flear

HISTORY OF THE NOBLETON FIRE DEPARTMENT

- 1959 (summer) A Nobleton Fire Committee was formed with the purpose of raising money to purchase a fire truck.
- 1960 (fall) The committee and the Village of Nobleton purchased a 1941 International Pumper. This truck was turned over to the Village in October and responded to its first call in November, 1960.
- 1962 (summer) New Fire Hall was completed and trucks moved in.
- 1965 (summer) New Mercury Pumper was purchased, and old truck turned into a tanker.
- 1966 (spring) All King Township Fire Departments became "Radio Dispatched"
- 1969 (general) Fire Department has: 20 volunteers, and is responding to about 40 fires a year.

Fire Department

After Regional Government came into being on January 1, 1971, the Fire Department of Nobleton will from here on be under the administration of the Township of King.

Nobleton Fire Department

This year we would like to pay tribute to the Nobleton Fire Fighters for their dedication and service to our community.

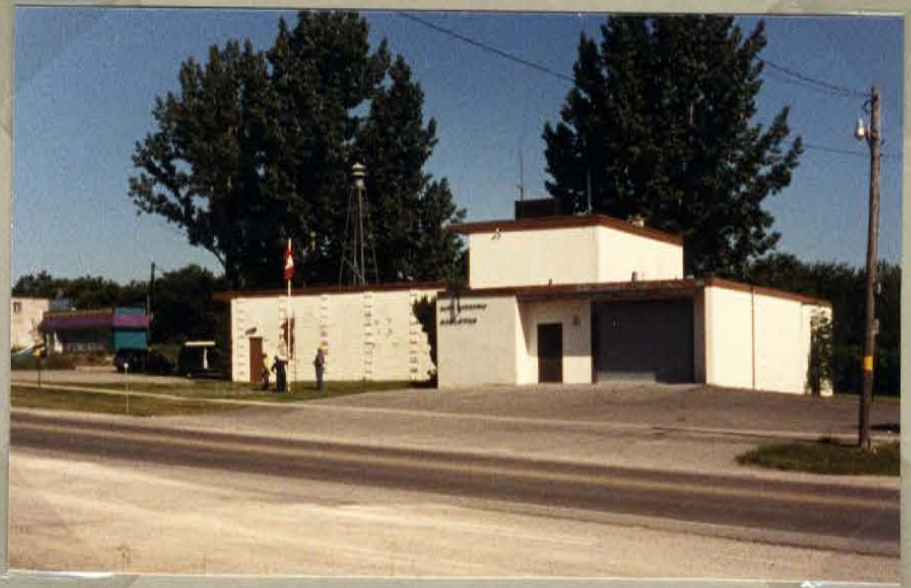
In 1960, the Nobleton Fire Department commenced operation. Through fund raising, including dances and bingo nights, \$1800 was raised to purchase a used 1943 fire truck. Nobleton's first fire hall cost \$17000 to build in 1962. The village of Nobleton purchased a new pumper in 1965 and by 1978, Nobleton had 2 pumpers. In 1985, a rescue truck was purchased to allow for greater efficiency responding to medical and rescue situations. In 1990, the Fire Department purchased a water tanker to ensure adequate water supply. The latest addition to the department is a 1995 pumper.

The Nobleton Department evolved from a one truck service with emergency calls being dispatched by phone, to a five truck service with 27 members accessible through 911.

With all the advances made to the Nobleton Fire Department -- including the new fire hall, which is slated to be finished in 1996 -- one thing remains constant: All

members were and are still volunteers. With ongoing training, Nobleton Fire Fighters are more than capable of meeting the community's needs as emergency situations arise.

This year, The Nobleton Fire Fighters will commemorate their 30th presentation of the Victoria Day Fireworks. The quality of the fireworks reflects the generosity of our community. All donations raised during their 6 days of fund raising go directly toward this special event. The Nobleton Fire Fighters are dedicated to providing a safe and enjoyable fireworks display for you, your family and your friends.



Township of King Nobleton Firehall

Contract No. PS-95-2

SEALED TENDERS, on forms supplied by the Consulting Engineers, in the envelopes provided, will be received by the Clerk at the Township of King, Municipal Office, 3565 King Road, King City, Ontario L7B 1A1 until:

2:00 pm, Tuesday, August 29, 1995

for the design/build of a new firehall in the Village of Nobleton.

The tender includes the production of working drawings sealed by professional architects and engineers for a new two storey firehall approximately 460 m² in floor area on each level. Also included is the construction of the firehall based on the working drawings and associated siteworks including water supply from existing watermain, installation of sewage holding tank and site grading. Also included is the demolition of the existing one storey firehall, removal of existing septic system and removal of existing underground fuel storage tank.

Tender documents which include conceptual floor plans and site plan may be obtained at the Municipal Offices for the sum of \$30.00 (includes G.S.T.), after August 16, 1995, non-refundable, payable to the Township of King.



NOBLETON



Nobleton is a stirring and lively village with a population of about 225, situated on the ninth concession of the township of King about one and a quarter miles from the southern boundary. It gets its name from a family named Noble that lived there about 75 years ago. Nobleton is an incorporated village for local improvement purposes and its streets and sidewalks are well kept. It has two fine brick churches, the Anglican and Methodist, a union Sunday school with a large attendance. The Nobleton Public school is a double frame building, having two teachers, and is rated the second best school in the township. It is a very healthy village, the people very neighborly and, it is claimed, follow the golden rule closer than some villages, thus making it a highly desirable place to live in.

On sports and amusements Nobleton can easily hold its own with the sister villages as the record for 1907 will show. Nobleton Lawn Tennis Club played the following matches: At Morton Park they defeated Schomberg and Kettleby clubs winning every event. They next played Bolton Tennis Club at Bolton winning the majority of events. Nobleton played at Schomberg at Schomberg, Nobleton winning every event. Bolton played Nobleton at Nobleton, Nobleton winning the majority of events. Nobleton played Woodbridge at Nobleton which was a draw. Nobleton Senior Football Team played three matches, winning two, and lost one. Nobleton Intermediate Football Team played four matches winning three and one draw. Nobleton Gun Club and Nobleton Checker Club have also each a record to be proud of.

NOBLETON



Top: Back of envelope post-marked Nobleton Apr 2 1908. Addressed to James Fry Sr

Middle: Postcard of Main Street Nobleton 1908 1c. Can. & U.S. 2c. for Abroad

Bottom: Nobleton Main Street. (8th Conc.) 8th Ave.



NOBLETON LIONS CLUB

The Lions in Nobleton were organized by a group of interested men in 1962. Briefly the purpose of Lions is: (a) To create and foster a spirit among the peoples of the world. (b) To promote good government and good citizenship. (c) To take an active interest in the civic and social welfare of the community. (d) To bond the members in fellowship and friendship. (e) To allow full and free discussion on matters of public interest. (f) To encourage high ethical standards in business and profession. These are all gathered together in the motto- "WE SERVE".

Since 1962 the Nobleton Lions have grown and attempted to carry out its motto. Early they re-floored the community hall and then as the car draws became a terrific success the projects were many and varied. During 1965-67 the Lions built and equipped a library for the village, turning the library over to the community in 1967. During 1968 the Lions purchased a new ambulance for the area and turned the ambulance over to the Nobleton Firefighters to administer.

Each year the Lions undertake a number of smaller community projects such as (a) a community Christmas skating party, (b) Christmas flowers and Easter plants to the sick and shut-ins, (c) the purchase of a wheel chair for one of our people in town, (d) a clothing drive for the needy and many more items to help.

This has been a brief history of Lions in our area and we invite men to come and join us. We work hard for our community but at the same time our meetings are interesting enabling us to enjoy the fellowship of Lions together. Our club tries "TO SERVE" the community and we hope that you will help us to help others.

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