

ARTHUR GARLAND FARM

Lots 3 & 4, Concession 13, Greenock Township

- William Garland

In the spring of 1855 Richard Garland, his wife and one year old son Nicholas left Richmond, 20 miles from Ottawa, by ox sleigh, arriving at the above lots on March 17th. Their first log house was built on Lot 3 quite close to the concession road.

On July 5, 1855 their daughter Mary was born, and she was the first white child to be born in the Township of Greenock. Their family consisted of ten children - Nicholas, Mary, Samuel, Annie, Matilda, William, Eliza Jane, James C., Thomas W. and Martha A.

Guelph was the nearest post office at first. Later and for some time Walkerton was their post office and considered quite close, being 12 miles away.

Lots 3 and 4 were taken up from the Crown in 1855. The Crown Deeds were issued April 22, 1873 to Richard Garland. Samuel Garland bought Lot 3 from Richard on October 13, 1892 for \$3500. Nicholas bought Lot 4 from Richard on October 13, 1892. Samuel Garland died October 3, 1913, leaving Lot 3 to his son William C. Garland. William purchased the east half of Lot 4 from Harvey Garland in April, 1926 for \$3,000. This farm is being operated at the present time by Arthur Garland, William's son.

In 1862 there was an Anglican church built on the south east corner of the farm and is still in use.

The present house was built of grout with a rough cast finish. In 1911 the rough cast was removed and the house veneered with brick. The brick work was done by Richard Trotter of Pinkerton. The main barn was remodelled to its present size of 78' X 56' in 1871. The drive shed was built in 1910 by Con. Muller, famous carpenter of Chepstow.

The former Gorman house was moved from Pinkerton in 1924 to be used as a honey extracting plant. It was added to at different times and is still in use, the honey from 18 bee yards being extracted here. Operated by William and Donald Garland. Steam power was used to extract honey till 1932, when hydro was installed.

Maple syrup has been made on the farm every year since 1908, 1300 trees being tapped.

There are three spring creeks crossing the farm which have never been known to dry up.

A well was drilled by Bert Peterson of Glamis in 1909, 171 feet deep. The water was piped to the house and barn in 1920. The water was pumped by gas engine until hydro was installed in 1932 by Morley Wright, a competent electrician, at 25 cents per hour plus 5% profit on material.