

The Lemon Family

In 1881 Thomas and Mary Lemon came from Lynden to Aldershot and bought, from Gabriel Hopkins, eighty-six acres of land on the south-west side of Hidden Valley, known as Lemonville Road. The farm was an unusual shape as it went to a point at either end. They sold three acres to the Railroad and one acre to the Highway; on the remaining acreage they grew all kinds of fruits and vegetables which they marketed in Hamilton.

The Lemons built a house for themselves and family, four of their sons built homes on the farm when they married. There were six boys and one girl, namely, Allan, Alfred, James, William, (Charles and John) who were twins, and Jessie.

There was a severe frost in June 1897, all the crops on the farm were ruined. Alfred and James sold their share of the farm to their brother Allan and went to California. Alfred gardened and James went into the hardware business.

Allan Lemon married Henreitta Scheer (Nettie) They had four children: Frank, Clifford, Goldie and Carl.

Frank married Lenora Clark and they had two children; Harry and Betty.

Clifford married Rhea Arnold; they had one daughter, Bernice.

Goldie married Emory Horne and they too had one child; Allan.

Carl married Margaret Burnside. A daughter, Margaret was born to them.

John Lemon married Ida Scheer. They had three children, Fred, Russel and Dorothy.

Fred married Margaret Ellen (Nellie) Gunningham and had two sons, John and William.

Russel married Olive Langton. They have no family.

Dorothy has never married.

Charles Lemon married Martha Hopkins and they had three children, Austin, Elwood and Lila.

Austin married Lila Kilgour. They had one son, Austin Jr.

Elwood married Lena Smith. They had four children, Coleen, Donald, Sharon and James.

Lila married William Archer and had two daughters, Irma and Marion.

James Lemon married Annie McNeilly and had one son and one daughter, Edgar and Josephine.

Josephine married David Small. They had no family.

Edgar has never married.

Alfred Lemon married Louise Schmukle and they had one son, Donald who married Clarice Louise Hanson.