

The Long Family

Among many other pioneer families in Wentworth County the Long Family ranks with the earliest of the originals, since the living generation can trace its' paternal lineage back to its establishment there in the 18th century. At that time the forebears of the family reached the county from the area now comprising the state of Pennsylvania. They were of Dutch United Empire Loyalist extraction, and the father of William Long (1782 - 1858) originally settled on what is now Lot No. 12 of 130 acres stretching between the third and fourth Concessions, about half mile west of the village of Waterdown.

From this beginning the development was as follows: - William Long's son John (1815 - 1876) sired three sons and four daughters who reached maturity, namely John, George Brown and Clare (twins), Thomas and Alice (twins), Mary and Barbara. John settled on fifty acres at Clappison's Corners, married and raised five sons and three daughters, moved to Hamilton early in the 20th century where he set up a teamster and excavating business, with several of that issue still surviving to date. Clara married Arthur Freeman, raised four daughters and one son, and died

prior to 1930. Thomas married and sired one son and three daughters, sold the original homestead to a family named King, some of whom still reside there, and farmed at Lynden until his death. Alice remained a spinster until her death in April, 1949. Mary married Henry Clappison, son of the then hotel keeper at Clappison's Corners, with an issue of three sons and three daughters. Barbara married Wilbur Glover, finally moving to Wyandotte, Michigan, and raising two sons and a daughter in her lifetime.

George Brown Long (1862 - 1939) married Emma Catharine King (1866 - 1947) in 1884 while still farming on the original homestead on Lot No. 12, third concession, and moved in 1886 to help handle the farm of his father-in-law, Charles Wesley King (himself of Scotch - Irish descent), at Lot No. 2, Broken Front Concession, an original Crown deed to him. While still living with his father-in-law, George also farmed Lot No. 2, Concession One, a gift to Emma from her father on her marriage to George, and the entire Long Family moved to that farm in 1900, there being by then five