

Lot 4. Con. 4 Kinloss. — This farm was, and to this day is known as the Patterson Farm, although it has been under other ownership for over 50 years. In 1852 Wm. P. Patterson and his wife Margaret Pearson emigrated to Canada from the County of Ayrshire, Scotland, with their family, and settled for a time in Middlesex County, later moving to Oxford County. Early in the 1860's they moved from Oxford County to this farm, where they cleared the land, built farm buildings and a large white clapboard house, with green trim and a large verandah around three sides, where they had a fine view of the countryside. A lively creek ran below the garden fence to the south, and from this creek or "burn" as the Howland tongue would call it, — the farm derived its name "Burnside". They had a fine family of two sons and three daughters, of whom they had every reason to be proud. Their younger son, Thos. Wilson Patterson was apprenticed at 15 yrs. of age to a blacksmith in Lucknow. During that time he had been given just 75 cts. of spending money — he received no wages during his apprenticeship. No wonder he later became a multi-millionaire! An account of his very successful life is given on some of the following pages, written by a grand-niece.

Mr. Wm. P. Patterson was an outstanding man in every way. He was one of the early elders of South Kinloss church and later of Lucknow Pres. church. Stormy indeed would be the day when he and "Old Billy" would fail to make the trip to church on Sun. morning, even when in his eighties. He conducted a Sunday School in his own home for many years; also held well attended prayer-meetings there. About 1871 or 1873 a Grange was established at Pattersons in which each member held a share, and a hall for meetings was built on the Patterson farm. Records of the Sec. are still available. Each patron gave his order weekly for supplies, which were ordered from a Wholesale House in Toronto, the commission on each item being 1 ct. The orders included shoes, clothing, groceries and necessary farm supplies.

Mrs. Patterson always had a twinkle in her eye and was the soul of hospitality. She was noted for her "short bread" of which she seemed to always have a supply, and as children we considered it a very special privilege to be sent to Pattersons on an errand or with a message. Both Mr. and Mrs. Patterson lived to be over eighty — he died a few years before her. On his death she retired to Kincardine to live with her daughter Agnes and family.

This farm did not change titles often in nearly a hundred years. It was rented from 1893 to 1898 to John Graham of Con. 1. Kinloss, whose family lived in the big house. From 1898 to 1903 John W. Mackinnon had it rented and in May 1903 he bought it from the son John Patterson of B. C. (over)