

More improvements to the house were made in 1978. Our parents had in the 1920's the house clapboarded and painted from the rough lumber sheeting that was on the house when our father bought the farm. They also had at the same time the homemade windows replaced with custom made ones. The clapboard had to be painted every few years so we decided to have it replaced with vinyl siding. Joe Player from Eganville was our contractor for this 1978 renovation. To minimize labour and reduce drafts in 1990 all the windows were replaced with thermo alcan ones. At different times over the years insulation was added where it was possible to install it.

Previous to 1970 the house had been heated with a kitchen cook stove and the living room with an air circulating wood box stove, both with stove pipes to the upper floor. Along with other renovations in 1970 an oil furnace was installed by Wilbert Raglin, heating installation and services. At the same time a stone fireplace was built by A. Lovisa Masonry Contractor. The pink and grey granite stone used for this was from the farm's stone fences.

After renting lot 10 for several years from J.R. and Eileen Jamieson we (Gordon and Mary) decided to jointly purchase this lot, this was in 1978. It consists of 89 acres more or less (corner post is in cattails in Mink Lake). Eleven acres are under cultivation, the remainder being pasture and woodlot.

This property has a few remains of a stone foundation from a pioneer homestead. The well is still there. We have been told by elderly neighbours that people by the name of Rutledge lived there and that tragedy struck the family, sickness or other as we have been told and there appears to be three graves on the property.

Lots 8,9, and 10 had and have a lot of woodlot on them, this has been a source of extra cash over the years. In the thirties pulpwood was cut and sold. It was hauled by sleigh to Eganville and loaded on the train for shipment to its destination, there were several agents in the community that took orders. Lime kiln wood was also hauled in the winter by horses and sleigh to the Fourth Chute road in Eganville for use at the lime kiln. Over the years pine and other species of trees were selectively cut for logs. The bush on the property was never clear cut with the exception of a small portion that gave us a view of Mink Lake. There are a number of beautiful large pine trees on the farm measuring 108 inches and 105 inches