

### HISTORY OF URBSHOTT FARM:

This land was taken up and cleared by Frederick Urbshott who came from Normanby township in Grey County, and to which he brought his bride Minnie Bittorf around the 1880's. The Bittorf farm to the north was added later. Arthur Urbshott, second eldest son of a family of thirteen took over the farm from his father when he married. He later moved south of Wiarton and his oldest brother, Vesty, took it over along with his own. He is the present owner. In October 1953, Mr. & Mrs. Vesta Urbshott retired to their home in Wiarton - his youngest son James and bride Margaret Taylor taking over the farm.

Minnie, wife of Frederick Urbshott passed away at her home in Wiarton in March 1953. Her son Clayton, died in May of the same year - the result of a car accident. Mrs. Lottie Urbshott moved to town and in 1954 sold her farm to her son Jack who later sold it to Jack Cameron of Hope Bay in April 1963.

### HISTORY OF URBSHOTT FARM LOT 11, CON. 13

The earliest ancestors that we know of were Michael Urbshott and John Bittorf. They had come to Canada from Germany. Michael Urbshott's family consisted of three boys, Herman, Charles, Frederick, and three girls, Augusta (later Mrs. Andrew Holler), Dora (Dora Hamilton), Annie. The family came to Canada when Augusta was a baby which would be around 1867.

John Bittorf's family were Adam, George, John, Ernest (Manual's father), Nicol, Minnie (Mrs. Fred Urbshott), Millie (Mrs. Duncan McLean) and Mary (Mrs. Weber).

Fred Urbshott purchased Lot 11, Con 13 from Mr. Webb in 1891 because it already had a house and log barn on it and also good timber. It consisted of 96 acres and was mortgaged for a number of years.

The first house was built in 1884 where the house still is.

A log barn was built in 1884 west of the house, later a frame barn 34 x 32 which was torn down a number of years later and a drive shed erected about 1910.

The first livestock was a Durham cow bought in 1891 and a team of horses bought in 1894 near Neustadt for \$120.00 a piece.

Water was obtained from a hole dug in the bush about 50 rods from the house. Later a well was drilled about 10 rods from the house, but water was not very plentiful.