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VESSIE'S FARM HISTORY

Lot 71, 70, 72 Con.3

William Metcalfe was born on the Metcalfe homestead in Nichol Township on September 3, 1835. Shortly after his marriage to Mary L. Thring, of Guelph Township, he purchased a farm on the South Line Brant Township, Bruce County, not far from the Town of Hanover in 1867. He chose this property in order to have sufficient water for the livestock, as a branch of the Saugeen River touched both the front and the rear of the farm. The railway was surveyed through the farm at a later date and passed over the river by means of a steel bridge. When the bridge was replaced by a shorter span and the farmers upstream drained their properties into the river by open ditches, it quite often created extensive flooding in the spring time. The flood level became extremely high in 1912 and again in 1929, when the river overflowed its banks and covered the surrounding country side. On these occasions it was necessary to move the livestock to the upper floor of the barn to save it from drowning and a boat was used to travel from the house to the barn.

William Metcalfe and his wife were member of Hanover Methodist Church. Their family consisted of five sons, who were Henry, John, George, Charles and James, and two daughters, Elizabeth and Jane.

Henry married Priscilla Hudson. Henry farmed in Bentinck Township, and married Mrs. Daniel Campbell after the death of his first wife. Children Phoebe, Britton, and Mary Louise.

John married Ann Cuff, also operated a farm in Bentinck Township. They had three daughters Ada, Elva, and Mary.

George was a farmer in Brant. His wife was Emma Tanner and their family comprised of Victor, Ralph, Arthur, Maurice and Audrey.

Charles lived of the farm adjoining that of his father following his marriage to Emma Switzer but later moved west to Saskatchewan. They had two children Harvey and Laura.

James whose wife was Lillian Mae operated the farm which had been homestead by his father. They had two sons Clarence and Rev. Morley.

Elizabeth married William Linos and lived in Swift Current, Saskatchewan. They had only one daughter Florence.

Jane was united with Hugh Traynor of the South Line Brant. They had only one daughter Viola.

James Edward Metcalfe was born June 28, 1873. He was married to Lillian Mae Bartleman, February 10, 1904. Lillian was born in 1878. James took over the Metcalfe family farm from his father. James died May 19, 1946 at the age of 73 years. Lillian died November 28, 1950 at the age of 73 years. They are buried in the Hanover Cemetery.