

Lot 62 and 63, Conc. 3 SDR – Isadore and Gladys Benninger Farm

Lot 62 from Crown by the O'Neil family; Lot 63 from Crown by Thos. O'Neil

Lot 62, Conc. 3 SDR was sold to William Blake and then Edward Dobson, who sold to Edward Hopkins around 1930. In May 1957, Laura Hopkins sold it to Isadore and Gladys (Hopkins) Benninger. Laura retained the house and three acres. Update: Terrance Schurter bought this house in 1983.

Isadore Benninger bought Lot 63, Conc. 3 SDR in 1936. In 1940 he built a barn and operated a mink ranch. He was also a building contractor. In the 1950's the Benningers operated a beef ring and did mixed farming.

"Our property was homesteaded by the late Japez Woods and we renovated the house on lot 63 in 1947. We built our present house over top of the old house and lived in it during that time." (Gladys Benninger)

The Benningers purchased Lot 62, Conc. 2 SDR from Edward Hopkins. Update: In 1989 it was sold to Burl and Darlene Goodacre who severed 10 acres and built a log house on it. The rest was sold to Kenneth Hunt. Log House later sold to John Cehm. in 1997.
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Gladys and Isadore have one son and one daughter. Kenneth and Cathy live in Chesley with their two boys, Keith and Kevin. Elizabeth Ann Seddon lives in Toronto.

Isadore died in a construction accident in 1968, and Gladys presently lives on the 150 acre farm alone. The land is rented out.

October 2004 update: Gladys died on January 9, 2001. Elizabeth Ann (Seddon) Roe died on October 12, 2003. The south part of lot 63 was sold to Francis and Janice Hundt in 1995. The house and ten acres were kept by Gladys until she died. It was then sold to Susan Giesel, and some time later the barn was taken down.

