

THE SIEGNER FAMILY AND FARM HISTORY
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At present, 1978, this farm consists of Lots 46, 47 and 48 on Con. 2, S.D.R. and the parts of Lots 46, 47, 48 and 49, Con. 1, S.D.R., South of the Saugeen River.

The present owner, Wm. A. Siegner, is the great grandson of Valentine Siegner (1826-1909), who was the youngest of five sons born to Johannes and Anna Siegner of Alsace Lorraine. Valentine came to America by sail-boat, his older brothers having preceded him. For a time he lived in New Hamburg, then came north to the Hanover area, worked for a few years for Mr. Larch on Conc. 12, Carrick. In 1870 he purchased Lot 48, Con. 2, S.D.R. Brant Twp. - 50 acres for \$600 from Mrs. Mary Korman. There was a log house and a small barn. He owned a team of oxen.

Valentine had 4 sons: George went to Western U.S.A.; Frederick owned a hardware store in Durham and later in High River, Alta.; Conrad and Henry lived with their parents. Conrad was a victim of the Diphtheria epidemic in 1895.

In 1895 Henry married Abigail Lambertus, also of the South Line. A year later his mother died, and in 1906 his father deeded him the farm and lived with them till his death in 1909.

In 1915 Henry bought Lot 47, Conc. 2, S.D.R. from and the parts of Lots 47 & 48, Con. 1, S.D.R. south of the Saugeen River from Wm. John Steele.

Henry's family of three were: Gertrude - school teacher married Chas. Schnurr, farmer of Carrick, later moving to Walkerton, where Charles died in 1970. Gertrude still lives in Walkerton. Family of six - Lloyd, Cleo, Robert, Clair, Lois and Carol.

Sara - registered nurse, who married Alfred Schnurr, an electrician and they lived in Guelph. Alfred died in 1976 and Sara lives in Guelph. They have one son, James.

George Earl - who farmed with his father till 1929 when he married Wilha MacCuaig of Glenelg Twp. He purchased Lot 46, Con. 2, S.D.R. and the parts of Lots 44, 45 & 46, Con. 1, S.D.R. south of the Saugeen River from Thomas Steele.

Each farm had a splendid apple orchard and a good maple bush. Each year they tapped about 150 maples, boiled the sap in black iron sugar kettles, and carried it to the house., about 1/2 mile where it was cleansed and bottled and some sold for 45 cents a gallon.