

## YUKE'S FARM HISTORY

*-Former Mac Kirstine Farm.*

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Lots 44 &amp; 45 Con. 2 S.D.R.

Sebastian Sr. married Margaret Hahn. She died 4 years later in 1860. He remarried Jane Hoar in 1861. We presume that the ancestors chose this tract of land to have a better livelihood. There were 50 acres of crown land given free on lot 45 con. 2 and the deed was issued to Sebastian Kirstine Sr. in 1855. He bought the 50 acres on lot 44 con. 2 from Andrew Kirstine Sr. in 1869.

The first house was built on lot 45 by Sebastian Sr., and was a log house situated in the middle of the front field. It was 18 by 24 ft. with a frame addition 12 by 18 ft. It was built about 1850 and was pulled down in 1897 after a new brick house was built in 1895.

The only barn that is mentioned is the one that is still there to day. It was built between 1855 and 1863. It was about 40 ft high and measured 400 by 80 ft. There was a barn chill with large sliding doors, facing the west. The stable faced the east. The large beams were made of elm about 14 sq. in. in diameter.

It was mentioned that there was a windmill attached to the south end of the barn. It eventually started pulling the barn to the south, warping the frame work. It was pulled down in 1925, and then the first well was drilled at the barn.

The present house was built in 1895, on lot 44. It is a large brick house, with a full basement, two stories and an attic. There are 14 rooms. At first there was no verandah on the house at the front, but later a large one was built that was partially closed in. There was also a side verandah on the east. This entrance was used most of the time. There was also a back verandah and door on the north west corner.

The well was dug on the west side of the house when the brick house was built. The well at the house was about 45 ft. deep and was lined with stone. It was dug when the house was built in 1895. There was a pump on the top of this well. There was also a large cistern for soft water. This dug well served until after 1968, when a new well was drilled when Fraser Larlee bought the place. The well at the barn began to dry up. They drilled not far from the old well, and luck was with them as water spurted out at around 165 ft. This well was drilled about 1932, and it contained a lot of iron and minerals. We believe that it was fed by underground springs. It never stopped flowing. Bassie made a big cement trough and the water was piped into the stable. A milk house was built over the water trough, and since the water was very cold, it was fine for cooling milk. It was also a good place on a hot summer's day to store a few bottles of beer.

Electricity was installed by Mac Kirstine in 1946. Before this we had coal oil lanterns and coal oil lamps for the house---also a naphtha gas lantern and large gas lamp for the house. The telephone system was in use in 1910. Indoor plumbing was installed by Mac and Jean Kirstine in 1952. Another bathroom was installed upstairs about 1959.

In 1965 Mac sold 78 acres of lots 44 and 45 to Wm. Oehring. We sold the house, barn and other building, plus the 18 acres remaining in the front fields to Fraser Larlee in 1968. In 1981 Fraser Larlee sold the property to Larry Yuke.