

BREAR'S FARM HISTORY

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Lots 44 & 45, Con. 3

Kirstine

With the help of his father Johannes, Andrew Sr. constructed a long house and barn on lots 44 and 45, con. 3, which was directly south of his brother Sebastian Sr. This was built around 1855.

Andrew Sr. (1832-1917) married Susan Hoar in 1863, a sister of his brother Sebastian's wife.

Andrew Sr. and his wife Susan had ten children, but four of them died at an early age including their only daughter.

Andrew Jr. (1878-1951) was the ninth child born to Andrew Sr. and Susan Hoar (1844-1925). He took over his father's farm, lots 44 and 45, con. 3, South Durham Road, usually called the South Line, Brant. His other brothers that lived left the area, so he was able to have the home farm. In 1906 he married Mary Hunter (1886-1973). This farm remained in the Kirstine name until 1974 so was a century farm. The deeds were obtained by his father from the Crown, the same as the Sebastian Kirstine farm.

Andrew Jr. and Mary had four children, Grace, Hugh, Ross and Ruth. Grace married the late Fletcher Fell and had five children. The oldest son Jack Fell still farms on Lots 43, 42 and 41, con. 3 on the South Line. Grace remarried L. Wilkinson (Deceased) and lives in Mississauga. Hugh married the former Verna McDougal and is a retired pharmacist living in Walkerton. Ross took over the family farm and Ruth married Bill Chadwick of Hanover.

Ross Kirstine (1912) bought his father's farm in 1935 and married Lila Taylor from Carrick. They had two children Donna and Wayne.

Ross engaged in mixed farming like his ancestors, but with more modern methods, such as a tractor and tractor machinery. His father tore down the old frame summer kitchen and installed indoor plumbing about 1920. They remodelled the stabling in the barn in 1928. Hydro was installed in 1937. The Farm was sold to Earl Brear in 1974, and Ross retired and is now living in Walkerton.

