

HISTORY OF CHAS. TANNER FARM

Chas. Worden Tanner was born March 9, 1877. He was married in 1901 in Hanover to Letitia Blake of the South Line, and he purchased Lot 33 in the 2nd Con. S.D.R. from Margaret Bonniman for \$3800 and they started farming. In 1913 he purchased Lots 42 and 43 in the 2nd Con. S.D.R. containing 100 acres from Mr. George Lambertus for \$5750. Mr. Lambertus had purchased the farm from Mr. Isaac Kunsenhauser in 1887 for \$4600.

Mr. Tanner carried on mixed farming and for many years planted about 5 acres of potatoes. There was 12 acres of maple bush and they tapped 500 trees and had an evaporator to boil the sap into syrup. The bush was frozen the cold winter of 1934, and that summer the trees were cut down, cut into logs and sold. The balance was cut into wood.

In 1921 Mr. Tanner tore down a small strawshed and built a much larger one, making an L shaped barn. There was a spring in the front field west of the lane near the road, and Jas. Hyslop of Walkerton installed a ram in the spring, that supplied the house and barn with water.

Mr. Tanner continued to farm until 1945 when his son Clarence took over the farm, and Mr. and Mrs. Tanner retired to live in Hanover. Mr. Tanner sold the farm in 1958 to Wilfred Weber of Carrick Township and in 1960 Mr. Weber sold to the present owner, Wm. (Bud) Fritz.

Mrs. Tanner passed away Sept. 23, 1955 and she is buried in the Hanover Cemetery. Mr. Tanner passed away Dec. 11, 1968 and he is buried in Hanover Cemetery. They had a family of six sons: Oscar William born Jan. 1, 1909 living retired near Walkerton; Alan Worden born March 27, 1908 living retired in Waterloo; Roy Richard born 1910, he farmed Lot 33, 2nd Con. S.D.R. until his death in 1966, he is buried in Walkerton Cemetery; Victor Charles born in 1912, he was a banker and lived in London, he passed away in 1971 and is buried in Hanover Cemetery; George Wallace born June 3, 1917 farmed on South Line where Jack Fell now resides until his death in 1958, Sept. 13, he is buried in Hanover Cemetery; Clarence Edward born Sept. 16, 1919 farmed Lots 42 & 43 Con. 2, S.D.R. from 1945 until moving to Stratford in 1958, he passed away on March 2, 1975 and is buried in Avon Cemetery in Stratford.