

Thomas Henry Tanner

Henry Tanner was born in 1869; at the age of fourteen he moved to the South Line of Brant with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Tanner. Henry was the oldest child of twelve children. As a young man he bought land and cleared it, two miles down the south line the big white brick house and frame barn still stands. He married Levina E. Lever in 1889. (Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lever, were also among the early settlers on the south line.) They had nine children: Annie, Levina, Mabel, Grace, Edward, Eva, Belva, Gordon and Dorothy.

Mr. Tanner was very interested in politics and his community. He served on the Brant Council, and was one of the instigators in getting a telephone line on the south line, one of the first rural telephone lines in this area. He helped service this line for many years. He was the proud owner of a model T. Ford in 1911 and this was another first.

There were a few cars in Walkerton. He had his son Edward, took this car apart every winter on the barn floor, cleaning the parts and putting it back together again. It is remembered how this car was pulled by a favorite horse up and down the road to get it started.

Mr. Tanner died November 6, 1952.