

Mr. and Mrs. James Reoch.

THE MITCHELL PLACE.

Saugeen Twp., Lot 20, Con. 1.

This farm was taken from the Crown at two different dates. John Hewitt, of the Township of Saugeen, in the County of Bruce, yeoman, paid One Hundred Dollars to the Crown, for the east half of Lot number 20, in the first concession of Saugeen Township, on the twenty second day of August, Eighteen Hundred and Seventy.

John Hewitt, of the town of Orangeville, in the County of Dufferin, formerly of Saugeen Township, Bruce County, yeoman, paid One Hundred Dollars to the Crown for the west half of Lot number 20, Concession 1, Saugeen Township, Bruce County, on the second of December, Eighteen Hundred and Eighty Four.

On the fourteenth day of July, Eighteen Hundred and Eighty Five, John Hewitt, and his wife, Ann Jane Hewitt, sold to John McLaren, farmer, and his wife, Sarah Jane McLaren, Lot number 20, Saugeen, for the sum of Five Thousand Five Hundred Dollars.

On July tenth, Eighteen Hundred and Ninety, John Mitchell and his wife, Janet (Forrester) Mitchell bought this farm. They had four sons - James, Peter, Thomas and John, and four daughters - Agnes, Janet, Grace and Jane.

John Mitchell, at the time of his death, on July tenth, Eighteen Hundred and Ninety Nine, bequeathed Lot 20, Saugeen, to his son, James.

James Mitchell was unmarried, and lived, after his retirement, with his sisters, Mrs. James Brunton and Mrs. Mirard, in Fort Elgin, until the time of his death.

Reoch Brothers, James and Arthur, purchased the farm December Sixth, Nineteen Hundred and Forty Three. In April, Nineteen Hundred and Fifty Five, Arthur sold his share of the farm to his brother, James.

At the time of purchase, there was a garage, house and barn on the property. The garage was moved to another farm, the house torn down, and the barn sold to James McEwing in Nineteen Hundred and Fifty Eight.

Charles Kelly, Sr., remembers being at the barn raising at the time the second barn was being built.