



The first official document available is the sale of this Lot called a School Sale Grant by the Province of Canada, to James Neelands, the younger, in 1867, for \$200. He sold it to John Banting in 1870, who is believed to be a relative of Banting of insulin fame, with John Denny of Southampton holding the mortgage. He, doubtless, was the owner of Denny's mill and dam in pioneer days.

In 1874, John Banting sold to Peter McGillivray, who, in 1880 transferred it to his son, Archie McGillivray.

In 1883, the farm was sold to Alex. McLeod, (Beautiful Sandy), a brother of Captain McLeod, who owned the Lot to the east. In 1890, he sold it to August Brechow, and he, in turn, sold it in 1895 to William Montgomery. The next year, 1896, Mr. Montgomery was supposed to have threshed the grain and moved everything off the place, without paying interest or taxes. These were hard times, recalled later as the 3 'dry' or 'grasshopper' years.

A London Loan Company holding a \$3,000.00 mortgage offered it for sale by public auction, at the Arlington Hotel, in Port Elgin, but getting no bids, subsequently sold it to Mr. Christy Muller for \$2,450.00. He stayed one year - 1898 - selling in the Fall to Theo. Kelly, who moved on in March, 1899.

Mr. Theo Kelly died in 1906, and his son, Charles took over the farm, which has been in the family name ever since.

The first house, a frame structure, was built by Archie McGillivray in 1880 - 1883. This house was burned in 1916, and in 1917 Charles Kelly built the present dwelling, which is solid brick, measuring 28' x 34'.

It is not known who built the first barn, but Charles Kelly remodelled it in 1915, making it 56' x 65'.

Charles Kelly married Annie Cairns, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Cairns, 2nd Concession of Saugeen, in 1919. Their family were - Isobel, Mrs. James E. Bell; and Charles W., who now owns the farm.

In 1947, Charles W. Kelly married Florence Boettger, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Boettger, Saugeen, and their family are - Kenneth, Kathryn, Carolyn and John.

In 1955, a new steel driving shed was built, 30' x 50'. An interesting fact concerning the construction being that Mr. Joe Wrightson, a veteran framer of over half a century in the surrounding Townships, came back at the age of 84 years to supervise the framing - he having framed the barn from which the shed was built, in 1915.