

1 THE STORY OF THE COUSINS FARM
THE SOUTH HALF LOT 4, CON 6, WESTMINSTER ONT

The above farm was taken up for settlement by Robert Warren about 1832 from the Crown as the land in this part of the township had not been opened up for settlement until about this time.

The Warrens farmed it for several years and then sold it to William Laidlaw, a son of Walter Laidlaw, the original settler on N¹/₂ of lot 9, Con 4, Westminster.

The Laidlaws lived on the farm until Mr Laidlaw's father-in-law, John Wilson, who lived on the N¹/₂ of lot 11, Con 4, decided to retire. Therefore the Laidlaws then moved onto ^{THE WILSON} his farm and sold their farm to William Cousins, who was then living on the S¹/₂ of lot 5, Con 6, the next farm to the west. ^{REFOR 1878}

The Cousins family continued to live on lot 5 and to farm both farms until their son John was married. The family then moved over to lot 4 and John farmed lot 5. The farm at lot 4 was then named Spruce Grove farm and it has been owned and operated by members of the Cousins family ever since, being well over 100 years.

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meeting at St. Andrew's

