

THE McLACHLAN FARM - LOT 10, CONCESSION 8,  
WESTMINSTER TOWNSHIP

As I have been doing some research on the McLachlan Family Tree, I thought it might be interesting to go back to Scotland for some early history.

My Great-great Grandfather, Archibald Duncan McLachlan, was born in 1761 in Kilmartin, Argyleshire, Scotland, In 1804, he and his wife, Mary McArthur, along with seven children, migrated to Caledonia in upper New York State. My Great Grandfather, Archibald was the eighth member of the family and the only one not born in Scotland. He was born in 1807, and in that same year, my Great-great Grandfather was murdered when he had gone to the aid of a Mr. McColl who was also murdered by a Mr. McLean.

In 1821, my Great-great Grandmother, Mary McArthur McLachlan moved with her five younger children, three sons and two daughters to Springfield, Malahide Township, Elgin County. The three sons took up farming near Springfield.

In 1832, my Great Grandfather, Archibald, married Catherine McCallum from the Springfield Area. In 1846, he and his family moved to Lot 10, Concession 8, Westminster Township. My Great-great Grandmother lived with the family until her death in 1851.

My Great Grandfather, Archibald, bought 155 acres from the Estate of Solomon McColl who had bought the farm from the Clergy Reserve in 1835. Solomon died in 1846 intestate, so my Great Grandfather bought the farm from Duncan McColl, an older brother of Solomon. Duncan owned the farm across the corner where the church now is and where Sam Richardson now lives. Duncan assigned the farm of 155 acres to my Great Grandfather Archibald on March 13, 1846 for 116.5 pounds, paid for in full. The completed contract was signed by the Attorney-General on the 6th of February, 1847