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Solomon McColl, in the eleven years he had lived on the farm, had cleared 65 acres, built a log cabin and a log barn just east of the church corner up on a hill on the west side of the Kettle Creek which ran through both sides of the farm. I remember as a small child, looking around that area where we might pick up kitchen utensils, pieces of crockery and pieces of logs. There were several apple trees where we used to pick apples which by that time had gone wild. They were good for apple jelly.

In 1856, my Great-Grandfather built the white brick house on the Hubrey, south of the corner -- the same one where Bill and Carol Richardson now live. In the same year, he sold an acre off the farm on the north-east corner of the farm to a George Rome. Mr. Rome built a cottage, one room being used as a store.

In 1860, this acre was sold to John Nichol where he and his two daughters lived. I don't know for sure, but Clifford Dale thought the two daughters were sisters of Charlie Kirk's mother, Mrs. Janie (Nichol) Kirk.

My Great-Grandfather had four sons and two daughters. Three of the sons, Duncan, Malcolm and Archie all went farming. I remember Hardy Shore saying, "They must have been a prosperous family as the boys were all set up on farms.

The youngest son, my Grandfather James bought the home farm on February 20, 1878. At that time, my Great-Grandfather bought back the acre of land from John Nichol, and he and my Great-Grandmother moved to the cottage. Also in that same year, my Grandfather James married Veda Buchanan from the Belmont area. There were five children - three girls and two boys. My father, Daniel Norman was the older son so he bought the farm from my Grandfather on April 15, 1910. That same year, my Grandfather, Grandmother, Aunt Mary,