

THE FARM HISTORY OF THE HILLIARD RAY FARM.

Given by Mrs. Hilliard Ray in 1961.



Our farm consists of 325 acres and was two farms at first. Lot 16, Con. 1 the stone house where we live, was built in 1855, and was then owned by Mr. Sidney Payne, and according to Mr. George Leslie, whose mother was Mr. Payne's daughter, there was a log house across the lane from the present house, before this one was built. There is a building here that looks as though it has been a house; it has a stair, and one room plastered, and is made of wide boards, but so far I haven't found anyone that knows why it is there, or when it was lived in.

The second owner was Mr. Samuel Edwards, then about 1890 Mr. Robert Bullock bought it along with the adjoining farm of 200 acres of Lot 17, Con. 1.

Lot 17, Con. 1 is the old Bullock farm, and was taken as crown land by Mr. William Bullock, whose grave is in the pioneer cemetery, who died in 1853. His son James died quite young leaving a wife and family of five. The oldest being a girl Mary Jane, who married a Doleman and went to Vancouver. William who was my Grandfather, who farmed on Con. 5 Douro near Lakefield, then went to Otonabee, then (Crono) Robert Bullock who stayed on the farm, was born in 1858 and died 1927; and George and Thomas who moved to Essex County.

Robert Bullock married twice. By his first wife he had 6 children. J. Wesley Bullock, born in 1886 died in 1954, who had two children, Stanley and Nellie. W. George, died in 1919, who had one daughter Eleanor. Ella who married Joseph Tedford. Alberta who married Thomas Cooper. Mrs. Allen Jackson and Florence, who went to Detroit, Michigan.

By his second wife, Cynthia Owens, he had Blanche, who married Clifford King and Edith Eliza, who married Robert Brotherstone.

In 1919 Mr. Burritt Ray bought the farm for 9,000 dollars from Mr. Robert Bullock. In 1945 Hilliard Ray bought the farm from his father, and still owns it. In 1940 Harold and Grace Ray lived on the farm on Lot 17, Con. 1, where Mrs. Gordon Sharpe now lives.

Lot 17 is two long hundreds that run from the Township boundary to the first concession. The first house was of log and was built a little more than halfway back. There is a stone well there yet. Later a small frame house was built close to the first concession near the cemetery and a little north-west of it. The house was later burned, and the barn taken down.

The barn on Lot 16, which now stands was, I presume, the original one. There was a log horse stable which was taken down, which perchance was the first barn. The south end barn was built in 1891, and Mr. Fred Norish helped build it. He was my mother's father. The north barn which runs east and west was built in 1875. There is no foundation under the barn.

Electricity was installed on the farm in January, 1958. There is no bathroom yet. Mixed farming is carried on. Main crops are hay, oats, wheat and corn silage. There was an apple orchard, but only one tree left.

The farm is on the East $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot 16 and Lot 17, Con. 1, Dummer.