

It was while his son Leland was in Calf Club the herd of purebred Holstiens was established, which bears the prefix name "Curtilea". He operated a threshing machine for many years as did his father before him. In the passing of time, the steam engine was replaced by the tractor. In 1957 the threshing machine was replaced by the modern combine. Curtis Doxsee passed suddenly away in April, 1962. His wife died two years later in May, 1964.

Following the passing of his mother, Leland Doxsee who was then living on the John Lester Doxsee farm moved to the homestead on the corner.

Leland Doxsee married Dorothy Huskisson and they have a family of five, Linda, Barbara, Elizabeth, John and David.

It is not known the exact date the house was built, but it is believed the kitchen was built first. The date 1874 was found imprinted on the brick work. A bathroom was installed in the 1950's. Electricity came to the farm in 1938. The Peoples' Mutual Telephone Company served the community. It was first formed in 1906 and sold in 1946 to Bell Telephone Company. Mr. Curtis Doxsee was President for many years of the company. The kitchen was modernized in 1969.

Part of the first barn still stands, a new steel barn was built by Jasper Doxsee in 1928. In 1967 an extension was added when new steel stanchions, a stable cleaner and hat elevator were installed. A farm pond was dug in 1964 near the swamp and this supplies and endless amount of water.

The Albro Cole farm was purchased by Leland Doxsee in 1947. It was on this farm, lots were taken on which the old brick school and Church were built. An earlier shcool is now used as a machine shed on the farm.

An auction sale of household effects was held in 1964. One room is still furnished with antique furniture consisting of oval tables, walnut chairs, love seat and sofa, also an elaborate style dish in silver holder. This furniture has been handed from one generation to another. Some antique implements, milking machine, wooden forks and shovel still remain, also an apple dryer. Old maps and atlas, books are prized possessions.



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