

WILLIAM JAMES ORSBORNE FARM 1965 (Known as the Patterson Farm)

This farm was bought with a crown deed on the 12th day of September in the year 1837. It was owned by three generations of the Patterson family. Andrew Patterson purchased it 128 years ago under the reign of Queen Victoria. After his death his son Alexander Patterson was owner as it was to go to the Patterson heirs. Alexander Patterson was the husband of Mahalla Patterson. They had a son and daughter. Andrew Patterson and Kathleen Patterson, who married Thomas Crawford. After the death of Alexander Patterson it would naturally go to his son Andrew. Andrew Patterson also passed on before his mother so it was willed to the daughter Mrs. Thomas Crawford. Andrew also had a daughter whose name was Kathleen Patterson who married Graydon Brummel. They bought the farm from her aunt, Mrs. Thomas Crawford and it was still in the Patterson generation. Mr. William Orsborne bought the Patterson farm in 1929. This was the first the farm was owned by anyone but the heirs of Andrew Patterson. Note: The deed of this farm (crown deed) was written on sheep skin. That was what they used in those days for paper.

Mr. William Orsborne came to Canada from England in 1921 after the First World War. He married Louise Broadbridge. They had four children, Ross, George, Betty and Frayton.

"Louise Orsborne"

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THE BROADBRIDGE HOMESTEAD

William Broadbridge decided his family had been isolated long enough. He bought the old Beidwell Doxsee farm, Lot 56, 2nd concession, Sophiasburg, from Jacob Vandusen, who at that time owned it. Moving with his family from Doolittle's Island to their new home on Ben Gill St. on May, 1919. Wm. Broadbridge purchased this farm in the spring of 1919 and the white house on the hill has been known as the Broadbridge homestead for almost 50 years. The buildings are situated in the middle of the farm  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile up a lane from main highway. Buildings consist of large 11-room white frame house with verandah on 2 sides, drive house, garage and large metal covered barn, also small machine shed. Hydro was installed 20 years later in 1939. Wm. Broadbridge had to furnish own poles, as buildings were  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile away from the main line. This was done a few months before World War II was declared. In the early part of 1950 a 90-mile an hour tornado, tore down trees, hydro and telephone poles and overturned many fences, and ripped the roof from the large old-fashioned barn and scattered it across the fields of 4 neighbours. Wm. Broadbridge rebuilt a modern hip roof all steel barn in the summer of the same year. He farmed here till his death in Nov. 1955. His wife predeceased him in Sept. 1954. William Broadbridge