

H. H. Huff Lives on Farm In Huff Family 144 Years

Harold H. Huff who has the distinction of having entered upon his 41st successive year as secretary-treasurer of the Ben Gill Cheese and Butter Company has his home in the attractive white colonial cottage on the now Historic Huff farm near Mt. Pleasant, on the Picton to Belleville highway.

Mr. Huff was first elected to his present office in 1906, when he was in his early twenties. He had just graduated from Picton Business College which was then located in the Gilbert Block. He has continued in the position ever since and last week at the Company's annual meeting the shareholders re-elected him for the 40th time.

At the start he said he had comparatively little to do; not much more than to make out the monthly cheques. Now its everything. The various government regulations which have been put into effect, from time to time, have greatly increased the work of the secretary-treasurer of a cheese factory. Among other items are various tests to be recorded.

The Huff family farm near Mt. Pleasant has been continuously in Huff family possession for 144 years. The farm was first deeded to Mr. Huff's grandfather's uncle William Moore Huff in 1802.

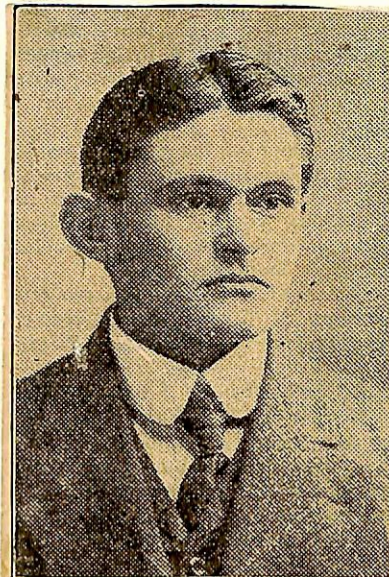
Quit Claim Deeds

I still have the original quit claim deeds, Mr. Huff informed the Times. These quit claim deeds indicate that there was no previous owner of the property. Thus the farm actually descended from the Crown to William Moore Huff.

On the death of William Moore Huff, the farm was acquired by Mr. Huff's grandfather, Elisha Huff, Jr. and then to himself.

H. H. Huff's pioneering ancestor, Englebert Huff came to America from Norway. His great grandfather, Solomon Huff was the first white settler on Huffs Island. Previously it had been an Indian settlement.

His U. E. L. progenitor, Paul Huff came from Dutchess County in New York state and settled at Hay Bay on the Adolphustown shore in 1776.



Harold H. Huff, who has just been re-appointed secretary-treasurer of Ben Gill Cheese and Butter Company for the 40th successive year. The above portrait shows Mr. Huff at the time of his initial appointment in 1906.