

MATTI MAKELA Lot 4, Concession 2

Matti Makela and his wife Susanna were both born in Ilmajoki, Finland. In 1913 they bought 170 acres of land from the Crown at fifty cents an acre. On the premises they built a 2 storey dwelling, which still stands but which has been remodelled over the years. They also constructed a barn, which was replaced in 1930. A telephone was installed in 1939; electricity in 1948; and plumbing in 1964.

Mr. and Mrs. Makela had 7 seven children, only 2 of whom survived beyond infancy. Their son Victor was a resident of the Township all his life; and their daughter Aili married Kusti Rinta, who is now the owner of the farm.

The Makela's carried on mixed farming, growing some oats, barley and rye, and hay for their own needs. They also operated a dairy farm, shipping the milk products to the Dairy in Sudbury. When they first settled on the farm, the Makela's had 2 cows, 3 sheep and a horse.

In 1925 the total taxes on the farm were \$28.00.

The farm is no longer being worked. A few lots have been sold and the acreage reduced to 158 acres.



*Miss Aili Makela and Mrs. Dilda Makela.
around 1919.*



*Mr. & Mrs. Matti Makela, son Victor
& daughter Aili*