

Most of the Dolans who have lived around Dunrobin look back to John Dolan as their first Canadian ancestor. He married Eliza Baker in Ireland and came to the first concession of Fitzroy to settle and raise his family. Of this family three boys, Peter, Thomas and James, moved down into the first Concession of Torbolton to live some time in the early seventies. They were still talking of the big fire and of the family driving to the River in a wagon and seeing burned and partly-burned animals along the way. They settled on Lots 1 and 2 at the corner of four townships, March, Torbolton, Fitzroy and Huntley. This was on the edge of a rocky tract which has always been called, "The Mountain", and two of the town-lines were never cut out. The Dolans bought their land from Nicholas Sparks.



Peter, who settled on the south half of Lot 2, married Lena Killeen in 1885. They had five girls and three boys who attended the Separate School in March and lived in the neighbourhood till maturity. The girls were: Florence who became Mrs. Casey; Hattie, Agnes and Pearl, who married O'Connor brothers; Gladys, Mrs. Fox. The boys were Orville, Norman and Peter Myrtle. The father and mother were called, "Uncle Pete and Aunt Lene", by the whole community.

After their family left they lived on in the original log house "Uncle Peter's Place." till it burned in 1943. The neighbours helped them replace it and they were still on the farm when they celebrated their 60th Anniversary though the party took place at the home of their eldest grand-daughter in Ottawa. They lived together for three years after that and died within a year of each other, Peter, at the home of his son Orville, in Bay City, Michigan and Lena at a daughter's home in Ottawa. The property fell to Orville.

Tom Dolan, who settled on the north half of Lot 1, married Jane Delahunt. They had four boys: George, Alan, Fred and Billie and five girls: Annie, who became Mrs. Hudson; Lena, Mrs. McCaffrey; Edith, Mrs. Robert Healy; Lizzie, Mrs. Robert Hemphill and Mary, Mrs. Jack Weir. Of these only Alan, Lizzie and Billie remained in the community. Alan married Gertie Hemphill and lived on the home place after his parents died. About 1907 a brick house was built to replace the original log one. In 1919 Alan sold the farm to his cousin Tommy and bought the north half of Lot 25, Concession 3 in March Township from Dan Boucher. Later, after his barn burned down, he rented the Brennan place beside him and the family, including



Peter and Lena Dolan.