



The James Dolan Homestead.

James Dolan, who settled on the south half of Lot 1, married Charlotte Anderson. They had four boys and three girls but one of the girls, Mary, died in early childhood. James himself died in 1899 when the youngest child was only eight. Charlotte, with the help of her older boys, carried on. The eldest girl, Sarah, married Sam Weir and went to Saskatchewan to live but died in 1912. Jimmie married Lizzie Bishop and went to Woodroffe to live. Johnnie married Emily Rowe and remained on the home farm. Christine married George Bishop and moved to Carp. Harry married Alice Rowe and went to Vancouver. Tommy was Overseas from 1916 to 1918 but not long after his return he bought Alan's farm with money got through the Veteran's Land Act which was helping to settle returned soldiers. In 1922 he married Ruby Baskin.

In the early days Tommy and Ruby were engaged mostly in dairy farming, keeping as many as fifteen cows which were milked by hand. Later Tommy developed an interest in local politics and with less time to spare turned more to raising calves for beef. In 1928 he first entered Torbolton Council. At that time the Reeve was John Armitage and the other councillors were Andrew Wilson, Jim Wilson and Justin Davis. Tommy was defeated in the next election but came back two years later and remained in office till December 1962. In 1937 he became Reeve on the death of John Armitage and was Reeve continuously for the next twenty-five years being Warden of Carleton County in 1945 and 1959.

Johnnie and Emily rented the Henderson farm, Lot 6, about 1925 so as to be near school and their old log house was never occupied again and fell into decay. Their family, consisting of Phyllis, Nelson and Marion grew up in the Henderson house. In 1940 Johnnie bought a farm up in Fitzroy and so moved out of the neighbourhood although they still kept the old farm on the Mountain. Phyllis married Ollie Barr and moved to Almonte, Nelson married Lois Milford and lived on the Milford place and Marion married Hilliard Wilson. Charlotte spent the last ten years of her life with Tommy and Ruby and their daughter, Irene. In 1928 they had enlarged their house by the addition of a two-storey kitchen. The main disadvantage to the location of their farm was the distance from public school. They or some of their neighbours, had to make the trip twice a day to Number 4 during Irene's

Front - Emily (nee Rowe) + Johnnie Dolan
Back - Harry Dolan + Alice Rowe