

were set up. The first fences were made of logs but these were gradually replaced with page-wire. On the flat-rock pastures "A" type fence posts were easiest to construct.

Frederick Baskin died in 1869 and his wife Ann, was left with seven children,



the eldest being sixteen. She had to cope with the big fire which took their barn but not the log house. They rebuilt their barn and put up several other small log buildings. Some time before 1890 they built a substantial log house which they attached to the original house using it as a kitchen. Later it was all clap-boarded and painted. The family began to move away. Fred went West and married Sophia (Birdie Mason; Robert went to North Dakota

and married Melissa Spicer; Isadore also went to Dakota and married an English girl now remembered only as Aunt Dinah; James married Gertrude Brownlea and homesteaded in Saskatchewan; the only daughter Olivia (Aleevy), married Jim Slater and lived in North Dakota; John Thomas, the youngest, attended Lisgar Collegiate and McGill University and got his degree in medicine. He married Barbara Carson and practised in Ottawa for many years. That left William (Big Bill) at home. He farmed and looked after his mother till she died in 1902 and for the next seven years he lived a bachelor's life buying up land around the country till he had about 1000 acres, mostly river-front.

The first John Baskin earned for himself the title of "Protestant Jack" from his belligerent behaviour to Catholics when under the influence of liquor. His son Jack inherited the title but probably never did anything to justify it. He was a mild-mannered man who was interested in machinery and had a forge set up to repair his own. About 1900 he raised his log barn and put a foundation under it.

He had one of the first cars in the neighbourhood, a Model T Ford. About 1911 he decided to stop farming and sold his property to his cousin Willie Baskin who had moved in with his father-in-law William Derraugh. The Jack Baskin farm was not lived on for the next forty years and the log house was allowed to fall into decay. Jack went to Dunrobin to live and for a time worked in the blacksmith shop.



Jack, Willie + the Model T.