
Pioneers usually chose land where water was available. A creek ran all the way through David Ross's farm, and livestock could drink there from any field on the farm. There was also abundant fish in the spring of the year, when they came out of Gibson's Lake to spawn.

David and Jane Evans Ross were blessed with a family of four sons and two daughters:

Thomas married Lydia Jardine and was a farmer.

James married Isabella Stewart and was a blacksmith in Cobden, and later in Weyburn, Saskatchewan. Their wedding certificate has come into the possession of a nephew, James Ross of Cobden, in 1977, having been on sale in an antique shop in Saskatchewan.

John was a storekeeper in Cobden and later worked for Customs in Winnipeg.

Elizabeth married Laughlin Curry who owned a sawmill in Foresters Falls.

Mary married William Mason who farmed at Snake River and later on the edge of Renfrew.

David Jr. met and married Janet Cook in 1894 while employed by a C. N. R. building crew at Goshen near Renfrew. He brought his bride by horse and buggy to the homestead of this history.

In 1872 Jane Evans Ross died in childbirth and was buried in Zion Line cemetery. The two daughters, Mary and Elizabeth, kept house for their father and helped to raise the younger children. David Sr, did not remarry.

When the oldest son Thomas wanted to take up farming, the farm located on the northeast side of the homestead was purchased. It was called "the Ritchie" lot, and was a long hundred acre farm, as was the homestead. A line was run across the centre and Thomas Ross was deeded a square hundred on the northeast. The remaining square hundred, Lot 5, Con. 4, was deeded to the youngest son David Jr. in 1892, with the understanding that he would care for his father until his death. The older children of David Jr. recall sitting on their grandfather's knee and braiding his long beard. In 1901 David Sr. Passed away and was buried in Cobden cemetery. The remains of his wife were moved at this time from Zion Line to lie beside her husband.
