

lot directly east of the homestead, was purchased from Charlie Foster. Part of the Foster farm was on the north side of the Blanche River, while part of the adjoining Cleary farm was on the south side. Charlie Foster and Hugh Cleary had traded land so as to have their holdings on the same side of the river. I have no record of the exact acreage of the Foster farm. The Blanche River cut through the original homestead leaving about 14 acres on the west side of the river. In all the Attwater holdings ran to about 480 acres. There was over two miles of frontage on the Blanche River.

In 1912 Oswald married Margaret Ethel Andrews of Ashvale, England. They had known each other in England. In June of 1912 Miss Andrews came out to Canada, was met by Oswald in Montreal, and the couple were married in Montreal. They settled in a newly built log house close by the original house on the homestead. In the summer of 1913 they were joined by the bride's father, John Andrews. In 1914 a son, David was born, and in 1916 a daughter, Ruth, who only lived for a day.

During the early years of the homestead while the younger folks were busily engaged in farming, clearing land, cutting logs, building, the old folks spent much time beautifying the grounds around the houses. Trees and shrubs were planted. Rhubarb, raspberries, black and red currants, gooseberries, strawberries, crab apples, asparagus, and artichokes were started. There was a vegetable garden, and flowers everywhere. The acre or so of ground around the two houses, which had been so bare before, became a beauty spot.

Three barns, two implement sheds, poultry houses, and other out buildings took shape during these early years. All the lumber and timber used came off the homesteads. The largest barn, 36 feet by 100 feet, was framed by Albert Johnson, of Savard Township, and raised in 1919. It was framed with squared timber, all of which was squared with the broad axe. It contained 32 pieces of square timber 12 inches by 12 inches by 36 feet, as well as numbers of smaller timbers. All this big timber