

When the railroad was first planned to go to Elk Lake it was supposed to continue on from Charlton. A bridge over the Blanche River was planned for near the Dack-Robillard boundary. Some of the timber for this bridge was actually cut. But plans were changed, and the railroad went in from Earlton.

Bob McCormick bought this lot about 1916, and lived there until his death in 1942. He cleared some land and started to build a barn, but never farmed the place. Ed Birch was the next owner. When he died he left it to his daughter. As far as I know she still owns it.

The next lot is the north half of lot 1, on the 3rd concession, containing 160 acres. In 1911 a road was built along the north boundary of this lot. The road continued west to the shore of the Blanche River, and served as an access to lots then owned by Bob Moffat, the Attwater family, and Charlie Foster. It was a desperately hilly and muddy road. The first half mile of this road was closed in 1930. A new road was cut and graded at that time. It went south for half a mile, west for half a mile, then back north for half a mile to join up with the old road. It was level, later was gravelled, and for a time was a good road. In 1922 a road had been built running north for a mile from Hill's Lake Corner. It connected up with the old road a mile to the north at Attwater's gate. It was known as Dad Sager's road. About 1960 it was improved, and it became the generally used access road to that area. The old road fell into disuse and was eventually closed.

In 1912 Bill Bailly was the owner of the north half of lot 1, on the 3rd concession. I have an idea that Bob Moffat had it before that. Moody Teeple farmed there from about 1916 to 1920. During that time the barn was struck by lightning and burned. Moody moved to a lot near the west side of the township. After that Harry Malkin and his family lived there for a time. After that, Oliver McFarlane, who was married to one of Jim Coles daughters. Also Jake Quinton and Pacey. Sometime along the line this lot was taken over by a mortgage company. I have an idea