

Hetherington Farm History

History of farm of Leo Hetherington- East half of lot 28, Concession 10 in Township of Dereham, County of Oxford, 100 Acres.

This farm was owned by Daniel Hawkins and he sold to Mr. John Fulton Sr. He and his wife had five sons and one daughter. John Fulton Jr. was married in 1889 and took over the farm. They had one son and two daughters. The son Frank worked with his father till the spring of 1919 when he had flu and had to leave farm. Mr. John Fulton Jr. sold farm to Clarence Hetherington March 1, 1928 at approx. \$100 an acre.

Mr. C. Hetherington was married to Lottie Taylor and they had one son Leo and one daughter Muriel. They sold their farm for tobacco and came to this vicinity as land was better for dairy farming. The hydro and telephone were already installed before they took over. The water came from shallow well.

The buildings then consisted of the house which had been remodelled 1910, main barn which had been remodelled 1906, wood shed, garage and pig pen. He had twelve or Fifteen cows to start. A year later, when his father sold out and came to Springfield, he brought his cows here. Later sold all of the cows and kept his own heifers and started his own Reg. Holstien Herd. (The history of the cattle can be found in Tweedsmuir History Book). Garage near house added 1938. Implement building behind barn was added in 1951, 22 by 80 feet. Cement Silo 1943, Pressure system 1944.

The name Maple Heather was chosen in 1947 for the maple trees on farm and the name Hetherington.

First tractor purchased in 1947-(Cockshutt). Farm changed to Clarence Hetherington & Son in 1958 to 1965. Hay dryer added summer 1964. Leo was married Oct. 10, 1964 to Marian Lindsay. Farm changed to Leo B. Hetherington Jan. 1965. Daughter Nancy born Nov. 24, 1965.

Heifer barn added 1966-30 by 52 feet. Pipe Line Milker 1967. Daughter Leanne born Oct. 24, 1967. Hen house and old pig pen taken down summer 1971 and replaced with new implement building 36 by 56 feet Nov. 1971. Harvestore Silo purchased and summer 1972 bunk feeder installed and barn with free stalls and calf pens. Taxes in 1928 were approx. \$150.00 and Insurance \$35.00 Taxes 1972 approx. \$668.00.



Farm House

Fat Right- L to R.

Leanne, Leo, Marian
Nancy Hetherington



L to R.
Leo, Clarence, Lottie
Muriel Hetherington

