

This farm was chosen as the price was suitable, a good location, and Mrs. Clarke liked the almost new red brick house. She often spoke of riding by admiring it, never dreaming she would one day own it. The woodwork was all Cypris pine, shipped from the Isle of Cypris.

The first telephone was installed in 1924.

Two daughters were born on the farm Evelyn - Mrs. Leslie Brown of Aylmer, Olive - Mrs. Wellington Shively, of Springfield.

General farming was carried on, crops were wheat, Oats, Corn and Hay. A dairy herd of approximately 20 holstein cows were kept, as well as young cattle, pigs and two teams of horses.

The children rode on the milk wagon to Brownsville school, with their dad, who took milk to the factory every day, with the exception of Sunday, when milk was kept over and sent on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarke were faithful members of Brownsville Baptist Church, holding many offices throughout the years. They drove to church with the family in a Phaeton (large covered buggy.)

In 1925 a new Dodge Sedan was purchased for the sum of \$1900.00, a new silo erected, a new furnace installed, with hydro installed as well.

The first brick well was located in the present laneway. The second well was located in the front yard, using a gasoline engine for pumping the water installed in a pump - house, but torn down in 1940.

Mr. Clarke farmed with hired help inside and out, until his son Wilford quit school, to share the farm work, and at the age of 57 years, died suddenly with a heart attack, while drilling oats beside the house.

With the help of the family, Wilford continued to farm, living with his Mother until her death.

In 1936 a new milking machine was purchased.

On March 23, 1940, Wilford married the former Marion Sage, born September 5th, 1916, in Charlottville Township, Norfolk County, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sage.

In 1940 a pressure system was installed by Leslie Jacob, piping water on tap to the house, replacing the old kitchen pump.

In 1942 their first son was born.

Twenty five milking cows, young cattle, pigs, two teams of horses, and at one time 1000 De Kalb laying hens were kept. Eggs were shipped by truck to Loblaws in Toronto. The highest price received was in July of 1949, of \$18.00 for a 30 dozen crate. The lowest price received was \$8.00 in May. Due to escalating feed costs and declining egg prices, the hens were all sold in 1966.

The house was struck by lightning in 1954, burning all the wiring out, and rewired by Hohn Howard. In 1969 all new wiring was installed from the barn to the road. 1947 was a very interesting year, a second son was born, a new electric stove was purchased, at a cost of \$200.00, a new refrigerator, \$379.00, also the first new tractor. During the war years appliances were not available, as well as many other items, including soap, sugar etc.

In 1949 a third son was born.

During a severe heat wave in July of 1949, hay was cut with the mower and team at 5.30 A.M., before the heat of the day. In 1950 the two teams of