

THE FARM HISTORY OF OSCAR DEVISCHER

Farm situated on West half lot 26, concession 11, Dereham Township, on south side of 10th concession road, known as "The Crossett Farm."

On June 4, 1852, Nicholas Hopkins bought 100 acres from the crown for \$1000. On August 4, 1871 the Canada Southern Railway Company bought 1.82 acres across the farm on which the railroad was built. In 1892 Nicholas Hopkins died and the farm was passed on to his nephew, another Nicholas Hopkins. In 1902 this Nicholas Hopkins died and to the best of my knowledge, he was survived by 4 children-namely a son Edward Hopkins and Hopkins and daughter Susan, Mrs. Robert Thompson, Frances, Mrs. Samuel Newsworthy and Mary, Mrs. Reber W. Crews, at this time the farm was sold to William C. Stirton.

In 1904 the Canada Southern Railway was taken over by the Michigan Central Railway.

In 1905, Wm. Stirton sold to William Whaley, the 12 acres on the south side of the railroad. In 1904 Norman Charlton bought the farm from William Stirton and in 1909, sold it to Thomas Rutherford, who in turn sold it in December to Levi W. Moyer, who sold it in 1911 to Charles Crossett.

Charles Crossett died in the fall of 1912, leaving his wife Eunice, and sons Daniel, James H. and Henry, also daughters Dora B. Howey, Ida M. Yorkton, Ethel Crossett, Muriel and Sylvia Crossett.

Martin Crossett bought it from the Crossett Estate in November 1919. Martin's had one daughter Dorothy. They did general farming, had a good maple sugar bush and made syrup each spring. In about 1935 this frame house burnt. They bought a frame house from John R. McClintock and moved it on the farm.

In 1939 Emerson and Spencer Elliott took over the farm and rented it out. Mr. & Mrs. Crossett moved to Aylmer. The tenants were Mr. Donald, then Mr. & Mrs. Miles Prickett, and Mr. & Mrs. James Anderson and family. In 1943 a new milk house was built.

In November 1944, Mr. & Mrs. Oscar DeVischer bought the farm from Emerson Elliott. The farm has a good artesian well with water flowing through milk house, water buckets in barn then out to outdoor water trough. There is an L shaped barn, 60' x 30'. Cow stables with the L for storing grain and feed, with silo. Also a horse and pig barn 55 X 24. The chicken coop is 30' x 40'.



In the spring of 1945, when we moved with our daughter Clara, we had the telephone connected and the hydro installed, the late Mr. Reg. Dallenger of Tillsonburg did the work and it may interest you to know how much it cost for wiring both barns, chicken coop and house, this included wiring for a milking machine, polelight, also fixtures, (the living room fixture was large and is