

## THE BUCHNER FARM HISTORY

John Elliott came to Canada around 1850 and settled on the farm now owned by Tony Vandermarel, lot 24, concession 11. After the death of his first wife, he married Cecelia Woolley, as he was left with three small children, Spencer, Annie, (Mrs. Kipp) and Lizzie (Mrs. Tolhurst) Emerson and Charlotte, (Mrs Summers), were by his second marriage.

In early 1880 's John Elliott purchased one hundred acres, south half of lot 24, concession 10, from Lewis Woolley. In 1892 he died suddenly and left this property to his son Emerson. Later Emerson purchased 50 acres, south west quarter lot 23, concession 10, from Mrs. Spencer Elliott, who owned 100 acres from the former Brown property.

Around 1930 Arthur and William Williamson purchased the land from Emerson Elliott.

In 1935 Arthur Williamson married Jean Crawford and took up residence on this farm.

In 1950 the Williamson Bros sold the farm to B.C, Buchner formerly of Norfolk County. In 1954 a partnership was formed between B. C. and his son Keith, then in 1958, Keith and his wife Florence purchased the farm from Keith's father.

Mixed farming has been very general down through the years with dairy the main source of income. The Williamson Bros. did have pigs and some beef cattle at one time. Maple syrup was made yearly from 1940 on. Wood was also cut from the bush for the stoves and furnace.



*Lt. R. William (Bill) Elsie, Jean and Arthur Williamson*

The present slant roof 45x90 barn was built to the 50x50 horse stable and drive shed by Emerson Elliott around 1898. The wooden stabling was torn out by the Williamson Bros at the time of the T.B. test in 1949, and replaced by cement and steel by the Buchners in 1950. In 1955 a bulk milk tank was installed and milk was then shipped to Toronto. In 1961 a new milk house was built attached to the west side of barn and in 1965, around the barn pipeline milk was installed and the former horse stable, chicken pen and drive shed was remodelled for young cattle.

In 1972a new wood fram, steel clad 50 x 75 barn was built with free stalls and bunk feeders, and a 20 x 70 ft cement slab silo was erected.

In 1955 a machine shed was built just west of the main barn.

The red brick house apparently built in two stages to accomodate Emerson Elliott and his wife, Minnie Firby and a part for his mother in 1897, had two big bay windows at the south and one at the east. The Williamson Bros. removed the one at the east. The Elliotts installed bathroom supplied by lead lined storage tank at the north end of the hall, which was removed by the Buchners in 1950. Elliotts installed electricity in 1915 or 16 and later on had an electric hot watertank. Natural gas was installed in 1939 by the Williamson Bros., replacing wood stoves and electric hot water. In 1945 pressure system was installed. The house was heated with wood stoves and furnace with ceiling registers to heat the upstairs until 1963, when a gas fired hot water heating system was installed by the Buchners. A dumb waiter in the pantry helped to keep food cool when it was lowered to the cellar. In 1951 when Keith and Florence were married, the house was then divided north and south and kitchen cupboards were built in the south half the same year. In 1953 the washroom at the north was built on and cupboards for kitchen in the old pantry. The sunporch was built on to the east in 1955. Bathroom was installed in the south half in 1958.

Three windows and one door were replaced by large picture window in the west wall of the north half in 1968. The bathroom in north half was remodelled in 1972.

The well at the back of the house was covered over and the large spruce hedge at the east of the house removed.

The frame house was moved to this property from lot 23, after the purchase by Emerson Elliott. A section at the north east was built on at this time.

In 1960 a bathroom was installed, a room built on the northwest in 1966 and aluminum siding and windows put on in 1969.