



STONE HOUSE ON LOT 17 CON.4 owned and resided in by Roy Baldwin and family. Photo by Bill Cox.

This house was erected in about the year 1845 by John Headley Jr. or John Headley the Second. The present owner, Roy Baldwin being a great grandson of the builder.

Lieut. Baird arrived in Torbolton after the Napoleonic Wars, about the year 1823, and settled on the west side of Buckham's Bay.

The original or first John Headley, came to March township, and his eldest son, John Headley Jr. came to Torbolton township and purchased

the west part of Lot 17, Conc. 4 from Lieut. Baird, for the amount of £90.

Shortly after John Headley Jr. came to live in Torbolton, he crossed the fence and made love with Margaret Grierson, daughter of Lieut. John Grierson, of the Royal Navy. They were married and lived in a small log house on the property. Then, in about the year 1845, he built this stone house—all of stones being quarried on the property along Buckham's Bay. They raised a large family, his eldest son again named John Headley Jr. or John Headley the third.

John Headley the third, married Amelia Wheeler, from Huntley township, county of Carleton. They were staunch Anglicans, and when the new St. Thomas Anglican church was erected, the beautiful East window was dedicated to their memory by their family.

A sister of John Headley, the third, Ann Headley, married John Hay Grierson, son of Captain James Grierson, retired officer of the Royal Navy, raised a family of seven daughters and four sons. One daughter, Beatrice Grierson, married Michael John Baldwin, and raised a family of four sons and 2 daughters. The youngest son is Roy Baldwin, the present owner of this farm whose stone house is almost 120 years old.

