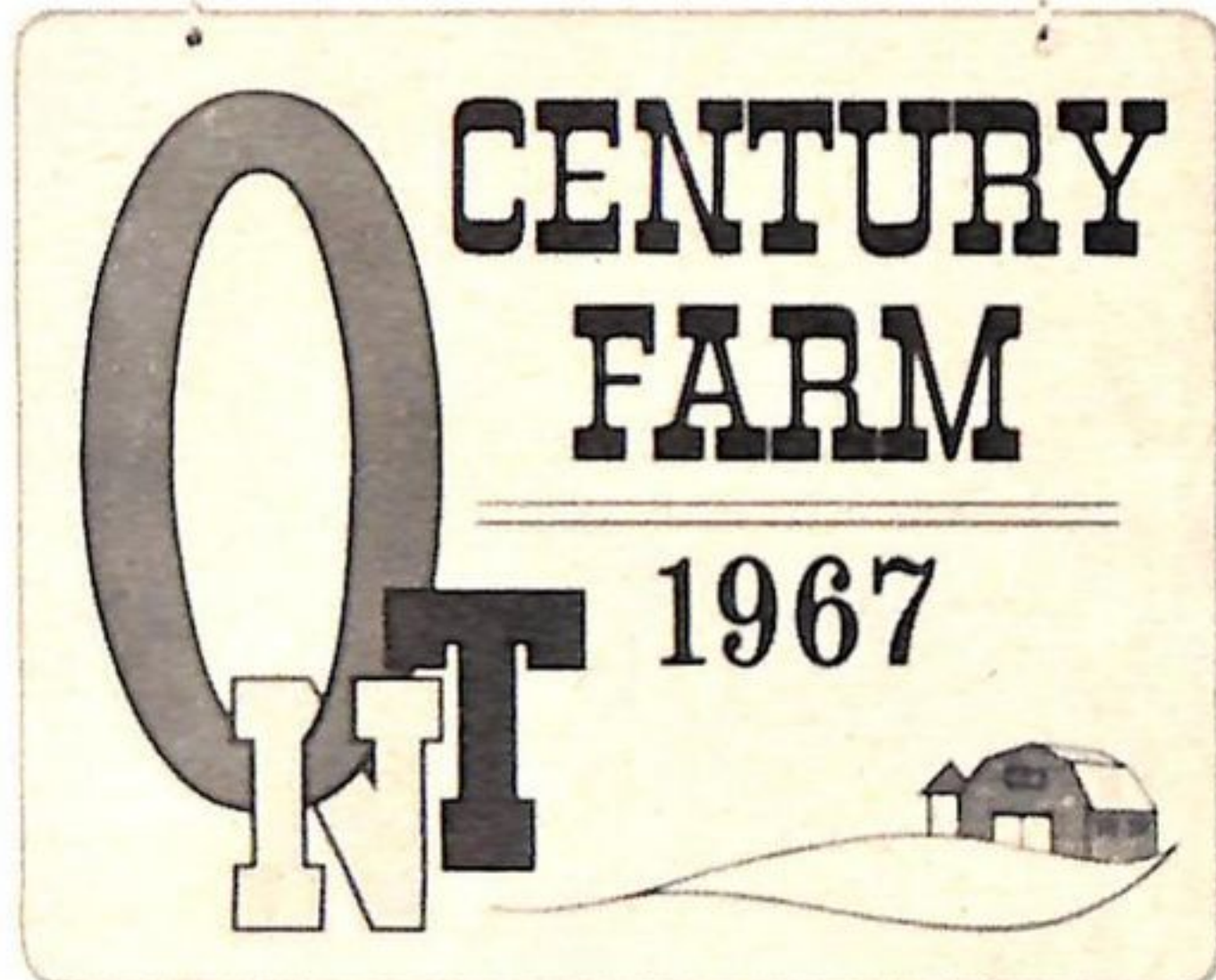


AN EAST NISSOURI CENTURY FARM — Roy McCorquodale with four of his grandchildren in front of the family farm; in the McCorquodale name since 1837.



Recognize 100-year family farms

An impressive number of families in Canada can take pride in having owned their farm 100 years or more. Well over 5,000 such farms throughout Ontario are posted by a "Century Farm" sign (above). As a Centennial project, the provincial Junior Farmers Association promoted this recognition of farms owned in Ontario since Confederation by direct descendants of the same family.

McCorquodale Family Came From Argyshire In 1837

It was in 1837 that a Yeoman from Argyshire, Scotland came to settle on the farm presently owned by Roy McCorquodale, lot 26, concession 14, Township of East Nissouri. Alexander McCorquodale and his wife Amerilla had come to Canada five years earlier, spending the interval in Eastern Ontario while Alexander worked on the building of the Lachine Canal. Alexander had two brothers who eventually took up land and lived the rest of their lives in the Embro district.

The present owner is the fourth McCorquodale in the 130 year history of the homestead,

something of a record we would imagine. From Roy's great-grandfather the land passed to a great-uncle, Donald, then to Roy's father, another Alexander and finally down to the present owner.

The second Alexander was the father of a large family. In 1908 the former brick cottage, forming part of the structure in the accompanying picture was expanded upwards to form a second storey with the cement blocks being poured in forms on the lawn. This was the manner in which all cement block was manufactured at that time. It seems that Roy made the error of running over the forms one day, smashing a number of unhardened blocks and leaving the memory firmly imprinted upon his mind, either through the incident or events immediately following, upon which he did not elaborate.

The original house on the farm was of course constructed of logs and is thought to have been located across the lane-way to the east of the present home. Located at the start of the pleasant rolling hills which characterize this section of Nissouri, the highest point of land in this area is part of the farm, just west of the house. This is from contour elevations as given in the military map of this area.

Mr. and Mrs. McCorquodale have two children, Bruce, Peterborough, and Lois, Mrs. John McLeod, Embro, and a number of grandchildren.