

HISTORY OF LOT 4 AND E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> OF LOT 3, CONC. 1, ARRAN TOWNSHIP

Arran township was surveyed into blocks in 1851. The first settlers arrived early in 1852. A Mr. Charles Crowe and his sons from Dummer township, Peterborough County, settled on lots 2, 3 and 4, conc. 1. The lots had not all been surveyed when they came. Their first buildings were near the centre of lot 3. An old crabapple tree, still living, and an old filled-in well are near the site. The first land cleared was on lot 4. It was the stoniest 5 acres on the farm and was allowed to return to bush and is still in bush today. When the road was surveyed the family built a log house and barn near the road. They were located just north of the present buildings on lot 4. One of the sons built a small frame house and the south half of the present implement shed on lot 3. This was the first frame house in the community.



Buildings on Ronald Wolfe's farm -  
January 1967  
Barn built in 1904 and house 1912



Barn and Implement Shed, - still standing, (1967)  
L to R: Mr. Kirkland, Florence, Joe, Mrs. Kirkland  
and Agnes

The present owner has these papers. In September 1884 he sold this lot to Henry for \$3500.00 and he moved to Nebraska, USA.

The place was sold as two 50 acre lots to David and Mary Henry in July 1886 by William Hamilton, who got it from Henry Crowe in November 1885 but Henry got possession of it again in October 1887. The Crowes had not lived on the place for some years, having let the land out for rent; the Grant brothers rented it for 5 years. A family by the name of McConnel lived on it during this time. The Henrys came and lived on it just before the Kirklands bought it.

Francis Crowe, presumed to be a son of Charles Crowe, took out the Crown Deed for E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> of lot 3, May 12, 1861, costing \$100.00. He sold it to Henry Crowe April 10, 1877, for \$2250.00.

Elizabeth A. Thomson of Toronto came into possession of the farm from the Crowes in March 1892 and sold it to Robert Kirkland for \$2400.00 who now owned the 150 acres. He and his wife Elizabeth had four children: Joseph, Jennie (Mrs. Robt. McKelvie), Agnes and Florence. They lived in the house on lot 3 until 1913.

Mr. Robert Kirkland from Lakefield, Peterborough County, bought the 50 acres May 16, 1880, from Henry Crowe. He built the barn on it in 1882 and put the stone foundation under the barn in 1902. The rest of the present implement shed was built for a stable about 1894 and the whole building was used as a horse and cow stable.

Joseph built the present barn on lot 4 in 1904. The house was torn down and the floor boards were used to make doors for the barn. The new house of cement block was built in 1912. The kitchen part was added in 1927 and the verandahs were put on it in 1928. The garage was built in 1922.

Francis Crowe bought lot 4 and took out the Crown Deed April 13, 1866, for \$500.00. Both of these Deeds were labelled, "School Sale Grants" instead of Crown Deed Grants.

Joe Kirkland and his two sisters, Agnes and Florence, lived on the farm until his death