

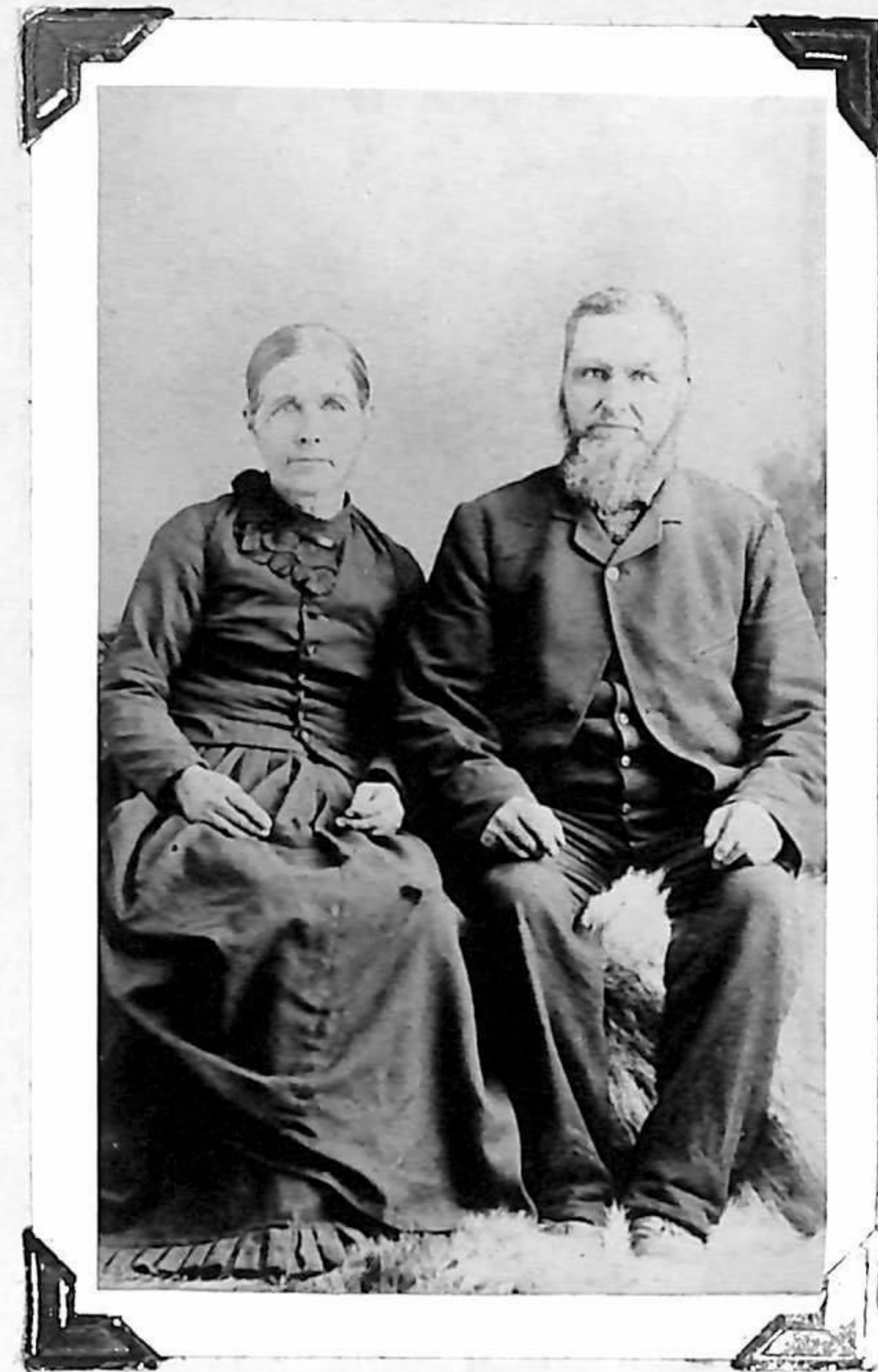
HISTORY OF LOT 10, CONC. 1, ARRAN TOWNSHIP

The first settler on Lot 10, Conc. 1, was Mr. Robert Barnabas Monkman. He was born in 1832 in Albion Township, County of Peel. At the age of 21 years he came to the wilderness of Bruce County and took up Lot 10, Conc. 1, Arran. After erecting a shanty he returned to the old settlement.

In 1854 he married Miss Keziah Poole of Tecumseh, Simcoe County. The young couple at once came to their new home in the forest where with others, who arrived later, shared the many trials and hardships of pioneer life. Their shanty being the first in the settlement many a weary traveller found shelter under its roof; none were ever turned away, all were given a cheerful welcome. Their home was always noted for its hospitality. Later a log house was built with a frame addition. This log house stood until 1962 when it was taken down and moved to Kincardine to be made into a cottage at the beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Monkman lived on this farm for 57 years. During this time they had logging bees; picked stones which formed some of the fences; cleared the land and made it into a prosperous farm.

Nine children were born to this couple, six sons and three daughters, namely: Alice,



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Monkman



Golden Wedding Celebration for Mr. and Mrs. Robert Monkman, July 6, 1904.