

Mary Jane, Oliver, James, William Hay, Robert, also Jesse and George who were evangelists, one daughter died in early childhood. Mr. and Mrs. Monkman took a niece, Keziah Monkman, to raise. She married Mr. William Temple and to them were born two children, Thomas and May. Mrs. Temple died when May was three years old and Mr. and Mrs. Monkman raised May who later married Mr. Joseph Palmer.

In the early days an overflow spring on the farm of Mr. William Palmer supplied water to a trough at the line fence for cattle in the summer also a windmill pumped water to the house and barn; now a couple of ponds supply water for the cattle in the summer.

William Kingston sold the house to Bev Kingston.

On July 6, 1904, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Monkman celebrated their Golden Wedding when about eighty relatives and friends gathered to help celebrate the event. Four years later they sold their farm and went to live in Southampton with their son, Mr. William H. Monkman. Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Monkman were buried in Mount Hope Cemetery.

Mr. Robert Monkman sold this farm of 130 acres to Mr. Fred George who took possession on October 7, 1908, with his wife and family of three sons and two daughters, Jennie (Mrs. Leslie Wagner) Arran Township; James, who served in World War 1, now of Port Elgin; Roper and Alexander, both deceased; Evelyn (Mrs. William J. Martin) of Elderslie and Nellie born in 1911 now Mrs. William Kingston of Elderslie Township.



Mr. and Mrs. Fred George and family

In 1912 the telephone was installed. In 1918 the barn was enlarged and in 1920 a silo was built.

Mixed farming was carried on at all times on this farm.

Front row, left to right: Evelyn, Mr. George, Nellie and Mrs. George. Back row, left to right: Roper, Mrs. John George, James and Jennie.

In 1922 Mr. Fred George sold the farm to his son, James, who was married to Miss Gladys Adela Poole and settled here. To this union were born four daughters and two sons, Loreen (Mrs. Lionel Foster) and Hilda (Mrs. Kenneth Whalen) both of Owen Sound; Basil of Elderslie Township; Bernice (Mrs. John Real) of Waterloo; Murray of Palmerston and Isabel (Mrs. John Rice) of Kitchener.

In 1955 Murray George bought the farm from his father and carried on mixed farming until 1956 when a fire caused by sparks from a chopper burned the barn. Later, the same year, he sold the farm to Mr. William J. Kingston who is owner at the present time.

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