

In the spring of 1856 he returned to Bolton and brought his family and a yoke of oxen back to Arran. The same year a log house, 20' x 24', was built a short distance north of the present brick dwelling. The lilacs planted at the front and the willow tree planted at the back door are still to be seen. A log barn was also built nearby.

A family of five daughters and four sons was born seven of whom reached maturity. Two sons, one died in infancy and the other, Thomas, died November 6, 1858 aged four years and six months. The two other sons were John and Robert. The daughters were, Mary Ann (Mrs. Isaac Jobson), Jane (Mrs. John Palmer), Hannah (Mrs. Oscar Legge), Elizabeth (Mrs. William Winch) and Rebecca (Mrs. Samuel J. Colwell). After the death of Mrs. John Palmer her infant son, Louis, was adopted by her parents in 1887.



Elizabeth (Betsy) and Robert Grange, Hannah (Mrs. Oscar Legge) sitting.

An inspection report made in 1874 showed William Grange in residence with 60 acres cleared and a house 20' x 24'.

The Crown Deed was issued June 18, 1874.

In 1874 the present brick house was built. It was copied from a house just north of Paisley, now occupied by Mr. Ted Bender of Bruce Packers. All the lumber used was sawn from timber cut on the farm. The price of wheat being high that year enough was sold off ten acres to cover the cost of building. The Contractor was Moses Kellow of Tara.

A short distance southeast of the house an L shaped frame barn, without foundation, was built in 1871. It was framed by Robert Duncan and James Chapman of Port Elgin. The roof was of hand made shingles.

In 1875 a large orchard was planted on the west side of the house extending almost to the road. There was also a row of maple and poplar trees planted along the south side of the orchard. On the north side of the orchard twelve different species of native trees were planted only three of which survive.

The first water supply was obtained from a

spring near the northwest corner of the farm. Later as many as three wells were dug near the buildings and finally in 1912 a well was drilled to a depth of 175 feet which still supplies water for both house and barn.

In 1855 the entire 100 acres was covered with primeval forest consisting mostly of hard maple, there was also some beech, pine and hemlock. Records of 1878, twenty-three years later, show that 80 acres of this had been cleared. The land was assessed for \$3,000.00. The two oxen that comprised the stock twenty-three years previous now consisted of 14 cattle, 19 sheep, 9 hogs and 7 horses.

In 1885 a gravel pit was opened on the southwest corner of the farm. For many years the gravel put on the surrounding roads was from this pit. Gravel in the foundations of the nearby barns and houses was also obtained from this source. In later years this gravel was crushed and drawn with trucks for the roads in this section of the Township. However by 1959 the supply had become exhausted.

When William Grange passed away in 1898 at the age of 73 years, he bequeathed Lot 11 to his daughter, Elizabeth. Mrs. Grange died July 18, 1899, at the age of 74 years.

In 1903 Elizabeth rented this farm to her nephews, William and Joseph Palmer, for a term of three years at \$125.00 per annum. In the spring of 1904 the barn collapsed from the weight of the snow. In 1905 the present barn, 56' x 60', was built, framed by the late Charles Thomas.



Barn built in 1905

William Palmer rented the farm for the years 1906 and 1907.

Elizabeth sold the farm to Joseph Palmer February 10, 1910 for the sum of \$5,000.00.