

A LITTLE FARM FAMILY HISTORY

The Irvine Family

The Irvine farm is located on the I3th line of East Garafraxa, lot I7, con I4. It extends to the I4th line and also No. 9 Highway. The farm changed hands many times at first. The records show John Hamilton bought it for \$600 from Matthew Robson in 1862. Thomas Hamilton was the next owner in 1870 and again John Hamilton in 1885.

The barn was built in 1879 and the house the following year by Thomas Hamilton. Mr Robt. Taylor and family came to live there, until, in 1905 the farm was sold to William George Platt (At that time my Great Grandma and Grandpa East lived in part of the Platt home). A rough kitchen, used by them was then on the south side at the front. Later it was moved over to the back door.

The farm was bought by Jas. Irvine in 1910, then by Robert Irvine in 1915, where he and his wife, the former Sara Jane Johnson farmed until 1944. Their only son, Norman with his wife, the former Valda East, and family Ross, Sylvia, Frank and Elaine took over the farm at that time. Some changes have been made by us; the rough kitchen has been replaced by a little kitchen and woodshed or utility room and sunroom over part of the veranda. Also we built the front driving shed and pig barn.

We still have maple trees which beautify our back lane, which was for many years used to go to Waldemar, the main town at one time. The picture taken from the air about 1965 shows the back lane in full foliage, also the countryside out to number 9 highway and over to part of Waldemar.

Valda Irvine about 1970

Presently the farm is owned by Mr and Mrs Douglas Clark.

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