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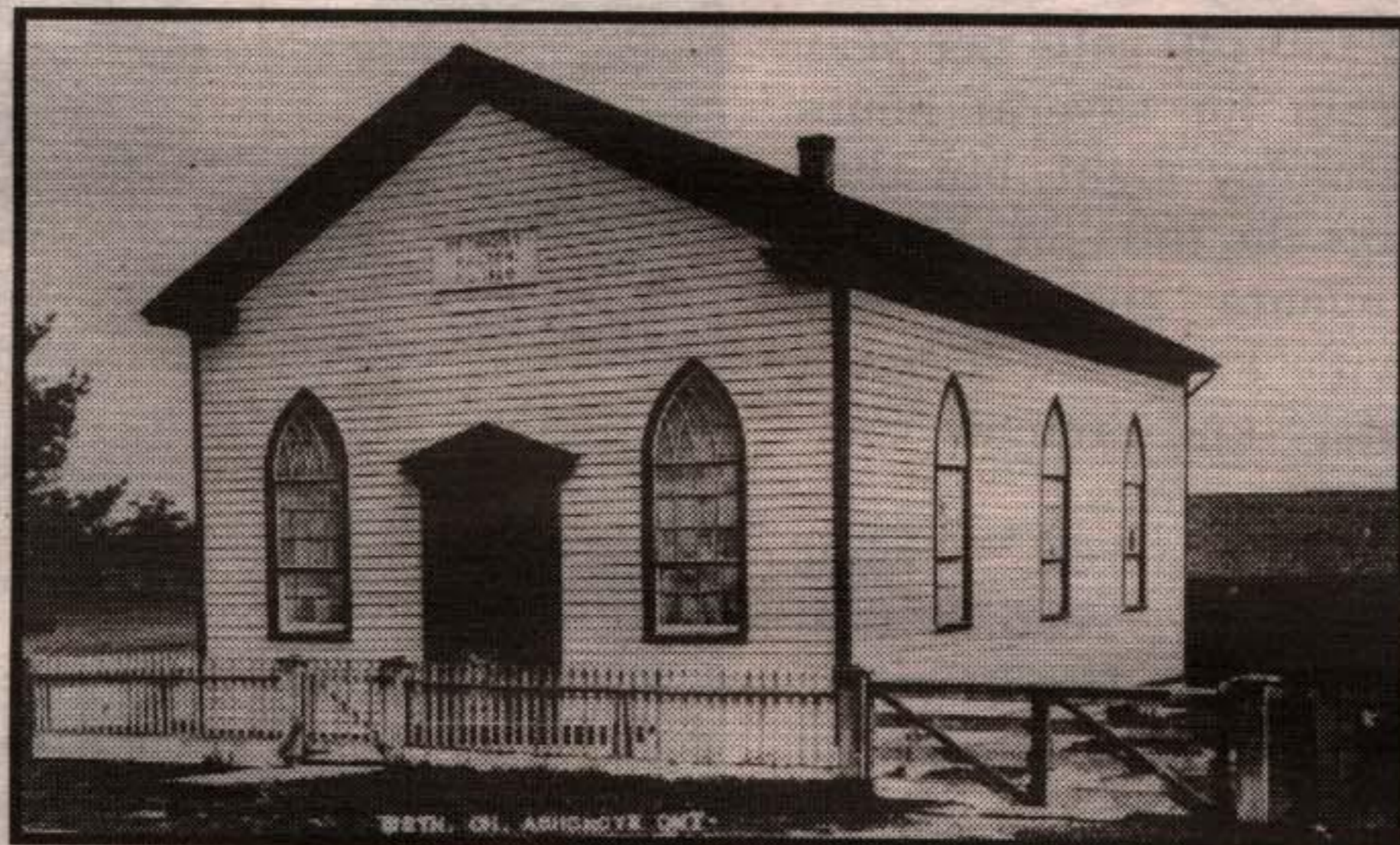
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Joseph Ruddell

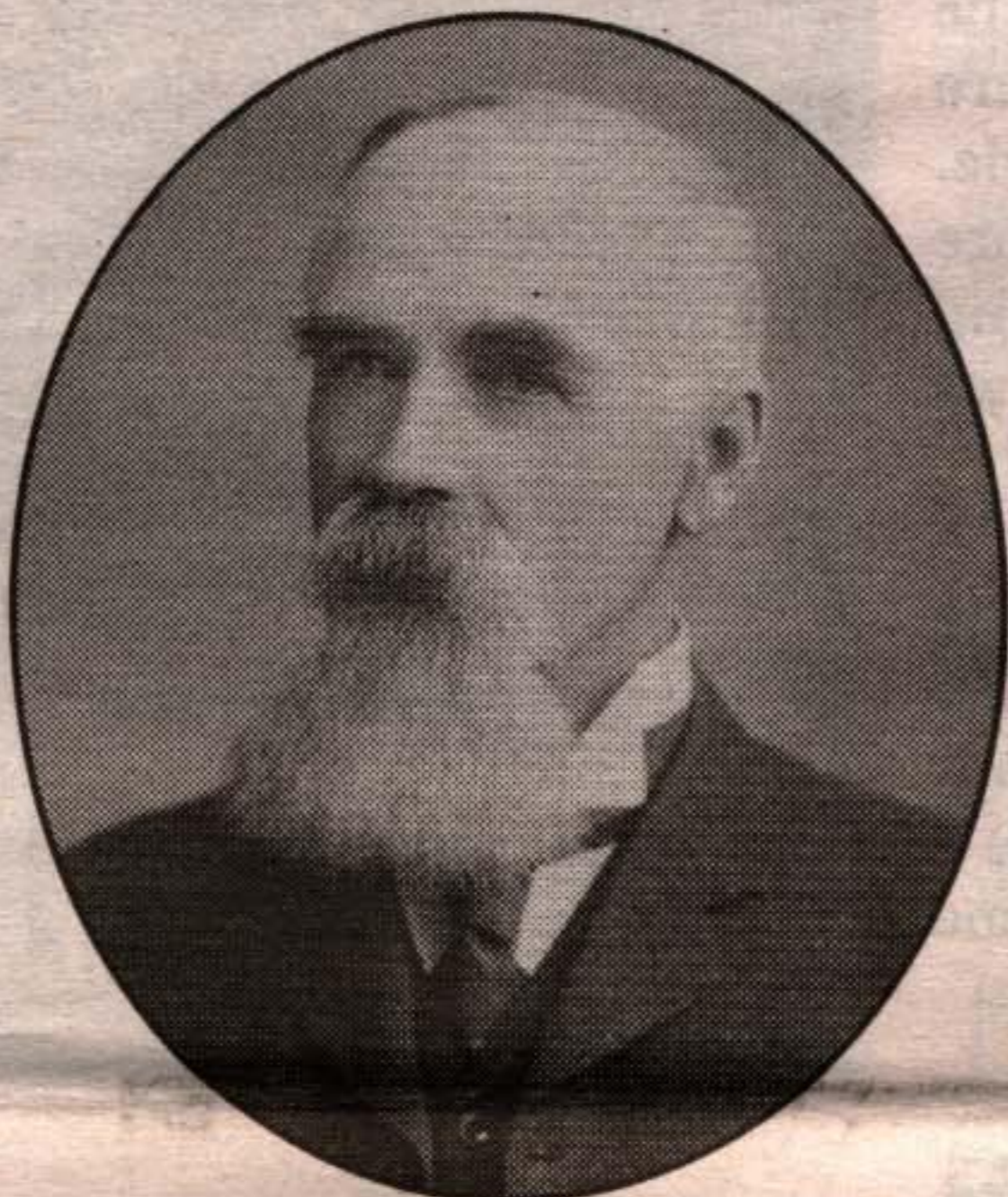


Frances Mayse



Ashgrove
Methodist
Church

circa 1880



Samuel Ruddell



Minerva Howson



Frank, Tom & Sam Ruddell
- circa 1905



Ruddell Barn
- circa 1930



Samuel Kay Ruddell Family - 1906

Front, L. to R. - Estelle, Minerva, Florence, Samuel.
Back - Edgar, Olive, Arthur.

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The Ruddell's of Lot 9, Conces

Joseph Ruddell and his wife Frances Mayse came to Esqueving, Ontario from Armagh, Ireland. They brought seven sons and settled on a homestead south of Ashgrove which they had bought from the Esqueving office in Esqueving which was later moved to Stewarttown. Joseph was one of the trustees for Ashgrove New Connection. One of the trustees for both buildings was Thomas Crawford who is buried in the Esqueving cemetery. Joseph had given land for a shed for horses which was purchased to enlarge the cemetery and the shed moved to the Esqueving cemetery.

James - fought on the Confederate side in the American Civil War. A letter from 1891 records food and grain prices and referred to the Esqueving area.

William - had a fishing boat business at Hickman, Kentucky. He had a wife and daughter but contact was lost.

Joseph - was a stage coach driver on the Ashgrove to Oakton road.

David - He farmed with his father and brother on the Ruddell homestead.

Robert - trained at Memphis, Tennessee in carpentry as a journeyman. He worked for Enterprise Works in 1859, the employees gave him a watch. He had a nephew, Robert Ruddell, at Cargill in Bruce County. Robert died in 1862 he went to British Columbia via Cape Horn to the Cariboo. He has left a fascinating account. He was killed in a snow slide on the Cariboo.

Francis (Frank) - was a carpenter and had a partnership with Thomas Crawford. He farmed at Lot 20, Con. 8, west of Georgetown. Many of his descendants still live.

Thomas - a carpenter, built the brick house on the Croatian settlement. For a time, he went to Eramosa Township where he farmed. He built a house in that area in 1875 from his own plans. His later plans feature a curved staircase that still stands today. One of his plans was for a barn. He was also Justice of the Peace in Wellington County. Many of his descendants still live.

Eliza - was born on the Ruddell homestead after the farm was sold. She farmed in the Esqueving area and later ran a live stock business.

Samuel Kay - The youngest child of Joseph and Frances Mayse. He was born from 1878 to 1880. They farmed the Ruddell homestead designed by his brother Thomas. In 1905, Samuel and Minerva moved to the Ruddell home. George Anderson plastered the house. Samuel was a musician. They had five children. Edgar, who married Sadie Arthur and wife Floella Howden farmed the homestead. He was a accomplished musician and the Ruddell family historian. Estelle married Noble Mill in Norval. She and her husband Percy Laidlaw farmed. Olive was a secretary and also trained as a chiropractor and a nurse and returned to live with her sister Florence in Georgetown. She shipped milk beginning in 1926. The milk was stored in 8 gal cans. In the early years, if the road was snowbound the cans were taken to Toronto. In 1953, the Ruddell barn was struck by lightning and the structure was destroyed. They had three children. Joy married Ward Brownridge and they farmed on the Brownridge homestead in the 1960's and cash cropped. The farm was sold in 1970.

Joseph Ruddell
b. 1802, d. 1889

Ruddell
Family
Tree



Frances Mayse
b. 1801, d. 1886

James Ruddell
b. 1828, d. 1889
William Ruddell
b. 1829, d. 1889
Joseph Ruddell
b. 1831, d. 1889
David Ruddell
b. 1833, d. 1889
Robert Ruddell
b. 1835, d. 1889
Francis Ruddell
b. 1837, d. 1889
Thomas Ruddell
b. 1839, d. 1889
Eliza Ruddell
b. 1841, d. 1889
Samuel Kay Ruddell
b. 1844, d. 1889