

# Memories



1819. Thomas purchased the west half of Lot 4, Conc. 7, Esquesing, in partnership with James Cathedral, York, he married Eliza Ward of Islington who had come from County York the east half of lot 5. He and John Taylor, in 1837, struck an agreement to split the banks of the stream and farmed a string hundred. Thomas and Elizabeth raised a family of 10 in Trafalgar and later Michigan. *Mary Ann* married Abraham Procter and settled near Esquesing and farmed the homestead. *Thomas II* married Isabella and farmed on the 4th Line and later Manitoba. *John Ward* was a drover first, then established the "Islington Hotel" farther south but north of Glenorchey. *Abraham* married Margaret Howson of Hornby and Eliza and William Sr. are buried in a family cemetery on the farm. Joseph and Thomas II were members of the Milton Methodist N. C. Church Circuit. He was a trustee when Ashgrove was founded by James Arthurs. After his death she married James Gunn and moved to Buffalo. Thomas returned to farming. Agnes married Roland Orr and went to Iowa. Joseph Harvey married Mary McClure. William Ward Brownridge farmed on the west half of Lot 5, which had been acquired by his father across the road on Lot 4, Conc. 8 and she was the first organist at Ashgrove. George Brownridge died in 1923 when it came back on the market, William W's son Thomas IV bought the hundred. Alma died in 1934 and Tom later married Laura Miller of Silvercreek. They had a son Tom and a daughter McNabb and they farmed on Trafalgar Rd where they raised children Ken, Lois and Margaret. Tom and Allen sold the farm and moved to Milton Heights. They had four children: Margaret Brown, Murray, Barb Ervin and Carol. Tom died in 1968. In 1980 son Murray and his wife Carol moved to Milton. The Brownridge men have been great livestock men.

Abraham Ward could ride on the farm and McClure for Fair with Tom and onto fairs.

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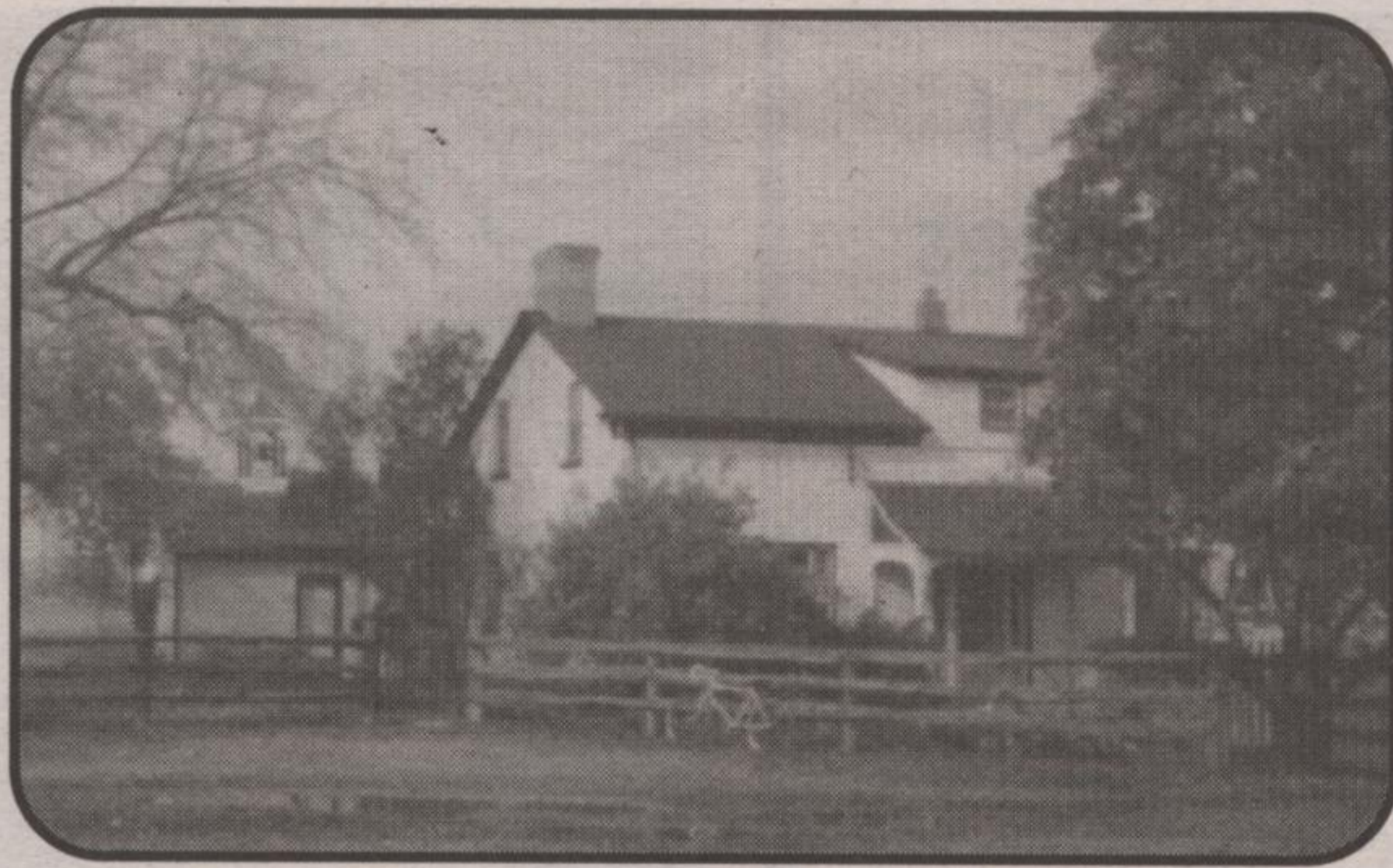
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## Brownridge Homestead

## Ridgebrook Farm

Lot 4, Conc. 7  
Esquesing



## Thomas & Alma Brownridge

~ 1923 ~



## William Ward Brownridge Family

~ circa 1960 ~

Back Row, L. to R. - Laura Brownridge, Violet Brownridge & Pearl Brown. Front - Frank Brown, Tom, Walter & Ollie Brownridge.



## Ridgebrook Farm

~ 1967 ~

Mark & Ward Brownridge



## Lot 5, W. Half, Conc. 7

~ 1947 ~

Uncle Ollie & Allen Brownridge

## Ridgebrook Swimmers

~ 1937 ~



L. to R. - Jim, Marjorie and Irene Bird, Viola Brigden, Doris & Ward Brownridge and Jim Dog as a pup.



## John & Doris McNabb

~ 1963 ~

Ward Brownridge  
b. 1924  
Betty Ruddell  
Doris Brownridge  
b. 1928  
John McNabb  
Allen Brownridge  
b. 1941  
Shirley Muma

- Agnes Brownridge  
b. 1879, d. 1949
- Francis Smith
- McClure Brownridge  
b. 1880, d. 1974
- Mary Wishart
- Ellery Brownridge  
b. 1882, d. 1962
- Mary McClure
- Joseph Brownridge  
b. 1884, d. 1931
- Lila Patterson
- Wilbert Brownridge  
b. 1886, d. 1970
- Nora Kennedy
- Austin Brownridge  
b. 1888, d. 1980
- m 1. Mabel McPhail
- m 2. Elizabeth Petty
- Harold Brownridge  
b. 1890, d. 1971
- Marguerite Merrell
- Margaret Brownridge  
b. 1892, d. 1967
- Joseph Lyon
- Gordon Brownridge  
b. 1902, d. 1985
- Jean Smyth
- Walter Brownridge  
b. 1888, d. 1970
- Violet Sayers
- Oliver Brownridge  
b. 1889, d. 1968
- m 1. Isabel McClarty
- m 2. Emma Scott
- Thomas Brownridge  
b. 1891, d. 1978
- m 1. Alma Bird →
- m 2. Laura Miller →
- Ethel Brownridge  
b. 1894, d. 1986
- Pearl Brownridge  
b. 1907, d. 1999
- Francis Brown

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