

# Shoebox



Robert & Annie Mae  
Pewtress  
~ 1907 ~

Hornby Post Office  
Esquesing Twp.

~ circa 1915 ~



L. to R.- Tentative identification store owner Will Lindsay,  
Med forth, Robert & Mae Pewtress.

**B**enjamin Pewtress came to Canada from Suffolk, England prior to 1860. He obtained employment as a millwright at the Don Valley Paper Mill, Don Mills. Paper was then made from cloth and rags. Women of that time received eight dollars a month for cutting off buttons. Benjamin married Rebecca Hutchison of Kingston. Benjamin and Rebecca moved to Milton area in 1877 and it appears they first rented Lot 12, Conc. 5 of Trafalgar Township from Thomas Patterson and later purchased the property in 1881. They had six children: *Mary Chorley Pewtress* married A.J. Parker and it is known she was widowed by 1900. All other contact has been lost. *Benjamin Wellington* developed blood poisoning and died at 16 years of age. *Margaret Rebecca* married George Robinson of Lot 10, Conc. 5. Their son Howard was killed in World War I in 1918. Son Gordon continued to farm Lot 10, Trafalgar Township for many years and their youngest son Stanley moved to Nassagaweya where he purchased a farm on the 5th Line above 20th Sideroad. *Ebenezer John* died in infancy. *William Robert* married Annie Mae Medforth of Toronto. *Charlotte Beattie* married George A. Wilson and farmed on the west half of Lot 8, Conc. 7, Esquesing. By 1914 the Pewtress family had built a fine house on Lot 12 that remains to this day with porches being added. Benjamin died in 1884 when his family was still quite young. Robert purchased the farm from his mother when he and Mae were married in 1907. They raised their two sons Medforth and Kenneth on the farm. In 1930 Robert and Mae purchased the former Hornby Presbyterian Manse on the upper baseline of Hornby. From 1934 to 1945 Bob Pewtress delivered mail and also picked up the mail from the train station and took it to the local post office. Bob also took outgoing mail to the station in the evening. Then, mail delivery was six days a week with pickup seven days a week at the station, weekends included. In the thirties, most mail was transported by horse and buggy or cutter. For some time, Bob drove a dark brown pacer formerly owned by Dr. Cecil Heslop, a Milton veterinarian. Sometimes Dr. Stevenson M.D. would drive this horse on house calls. Later, Seward Wilson purchased the horse so his children Charlotte and Cleave could drive it to the Georgetown High School. Ward Brownridge remembers sometimes catching a ride with the Wilsons from Ashgrove School and enjoyed watching its pacing gait. The name of the horse? "Doc", of course! Bob Pewtress had a dry sense of humour and enjoyed a joke. When he met his future wife Mae when



Charlotte & George  
Wilson

~ 1900 ~



George Robinson Family

~ 1916 ~

Back Row, L. to R. - Howard and Gordon, Front - George Stanley and Margaret(Pewtress) Robinson.

Benjamin Pewtress  
b. 1839, d. 1884



## Pewtress Family Tree

Rebecca Hutchison  
b. 1844, d. 1922

Mary C. Pewtress  
b. 1863, d. ?

m. A.J. Parker

Benjamin W. Pewtress  
b. 1865, d. 1881

Margaret R. Pewtress  
b. 1866, d. 1954

m. George Robinson

Ebenezer J. Pewtress  
b. 1868, d. 1869

Wm. Robert Pewtress  
b. 1869, d. 1960

m. Annie Mae Medforth  
b. 1876, d. 1966

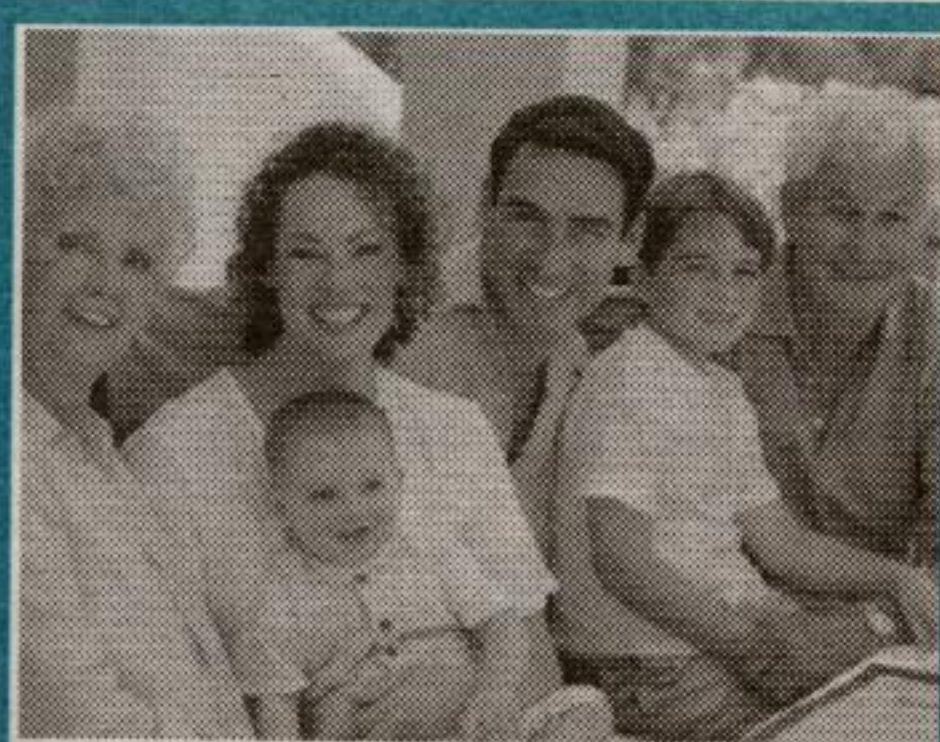
Charlotte B. Pewtress  
b. 1878, d. 1920

George A.N. Wilson  
b. 1875, d. 1948

Partial direct line for Lot 12, Conc. 5 family. Photo and background information courtesy of Hattie Pewtress, Ken Pewtress and George Robinson. Compiled by Betty Brownridge.

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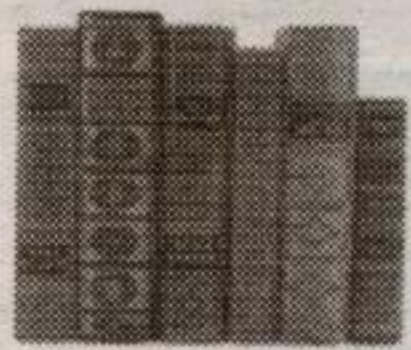
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