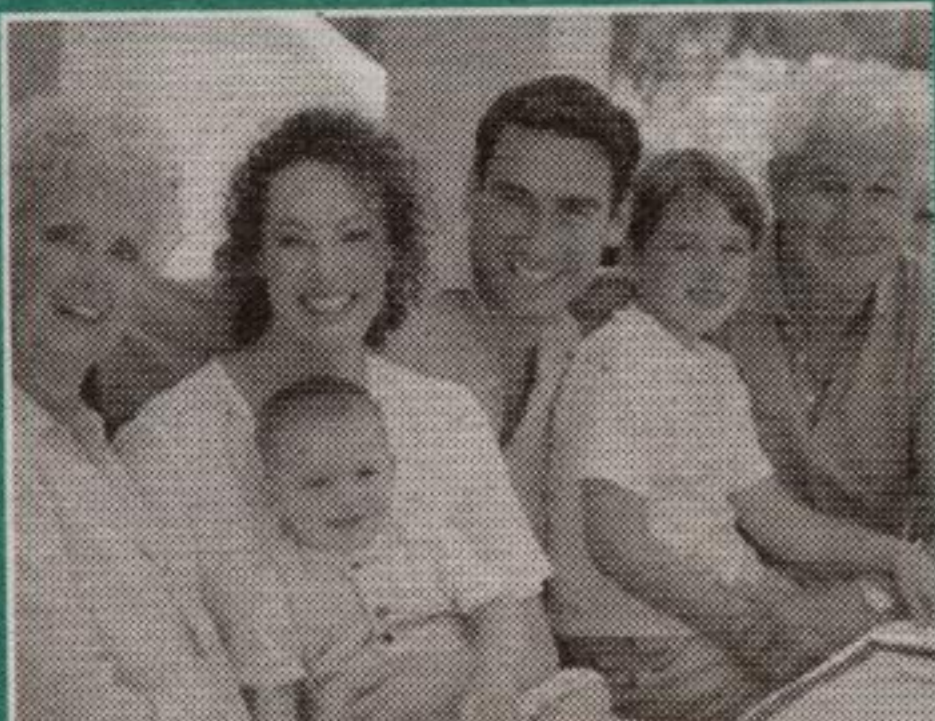
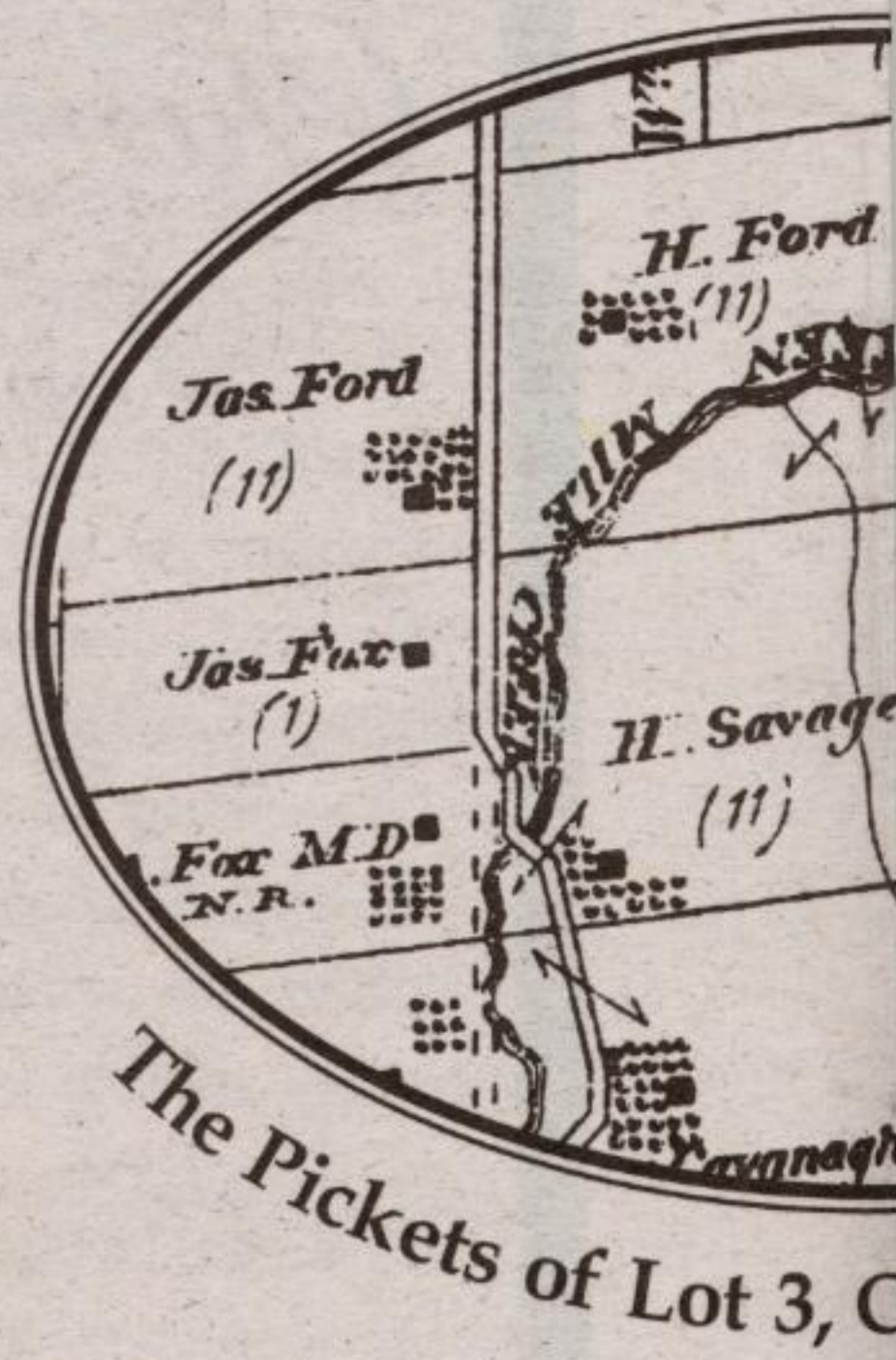
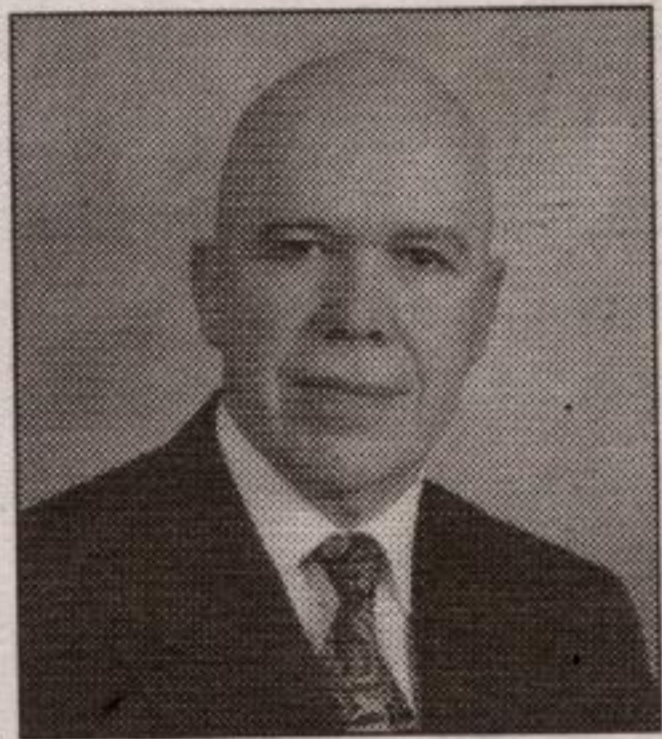


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William Ambrose Pickett, baby James and wife Hannah Jane (Wilkerson)
~ circa 1882 ~



Joseph Pickett with wife Susannah (Husband)
~ circa 1880 ~



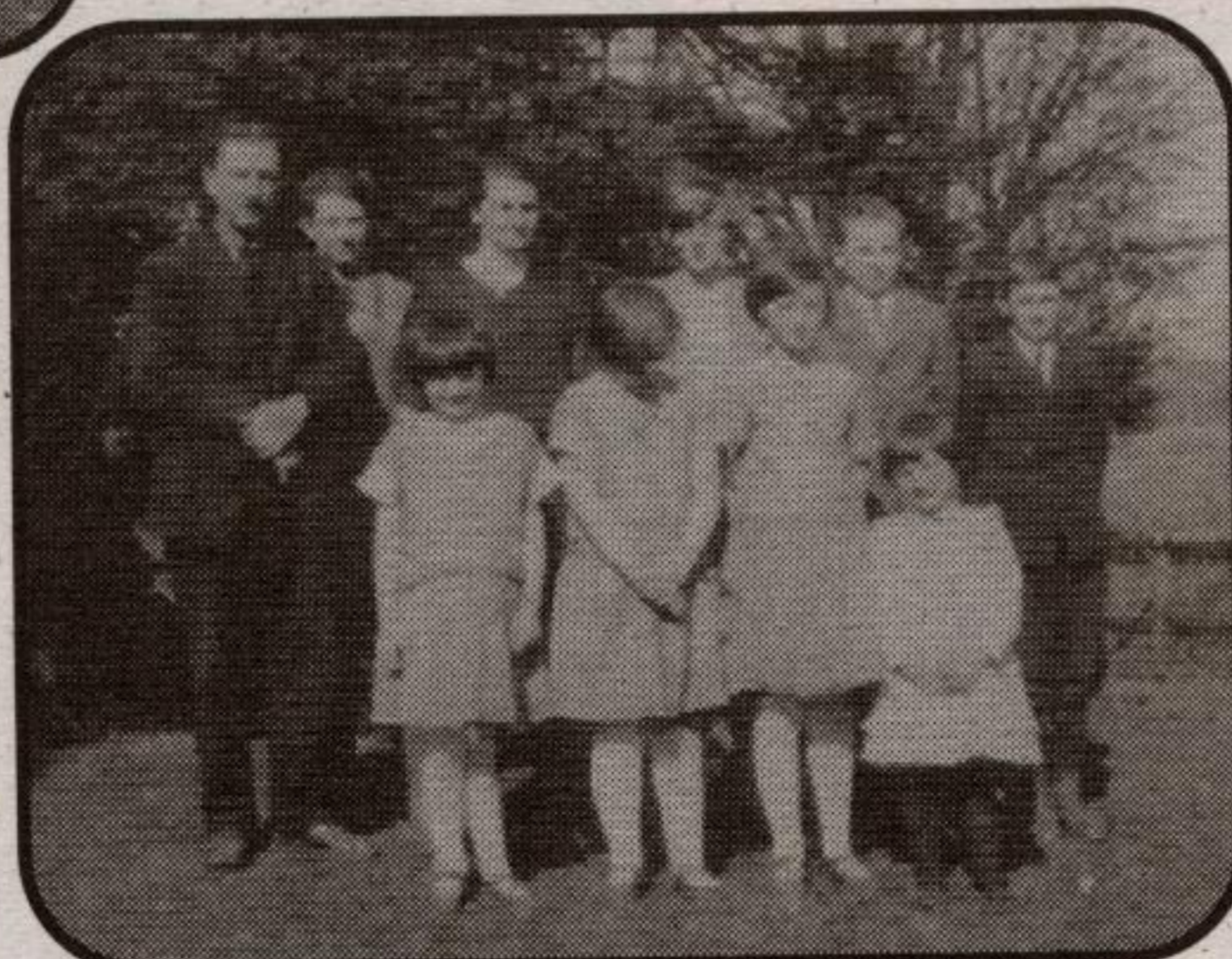
John and Sarah (Walker) Pickett
~ 1908 ~



Harry Pickett
~ circa 1950 ~



Dorothy Pickett
~ circa 1916 ~



John Pickett with children
~ circa 1926 ~

from left to right, back row: John, Claude, Sarah, Dorothy, Vernon, Harold. Front row: Edna, Gladys, Margaret, Edith.

Joseph Pickett was born in Frensham, County of Surrey, England in 1814, and came to Canada as a young man. He married Susannah Husband in 1841, a daughter of John and Alicia Husband who had come from Tipperary, Ireland in 1822 when she was only a few weeks old. Her family, including a brother and sister, had settled in Nassagaweya Township near Ebenezer Church. Joseph served in the Mackenzie Rebellion. He rented farms, moved several times and ended up in Clarkson where he bought 75 acres for \$3,350. Susannah and Joseph are buried in Clarkson's Springbank Cemetery.

They had 11 children, with William Ambrose being their third. Ambrose Pickett worked at different farms near Palermo and finally in 1876 bought 100 acres (all pine stumps) on the Town Line east of Appleby for \$2,500. He did well, since the land was excellent for growing strawberries, cherries, peaches, pears and plums. Ambrose married Hannah Jane Wilkerson in 1880 and they had six children. A determined and passionate man, Ambrose is reported to have said, "I would like to live so that people would know I had lived." When he died in 1917, son Joseph remained on the farm until 1935 when it was sold. Later it was bought by the provincial government and became part of Bronte Creek Provincial Park. Jane died in 1924, and both she and her husband are buried in Appleby Cemetery.

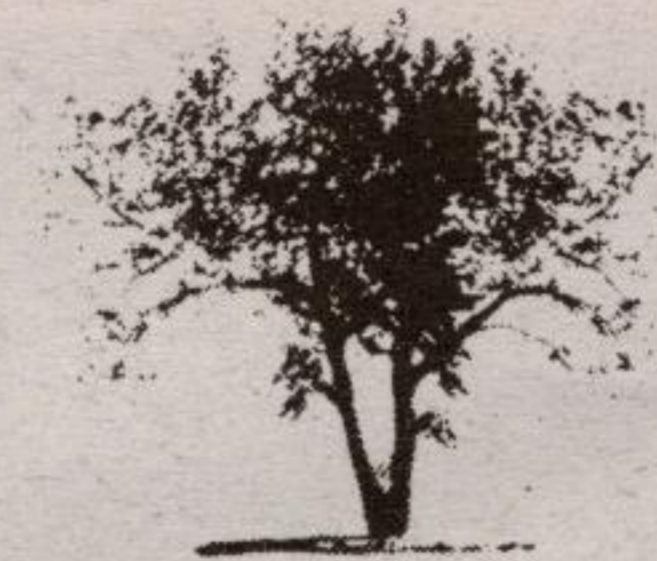
Family rumour says that when sons John and Joe Pickett lived at adjoining farms on Appleby Line, the mailman had no way of knowing to whom the mail for "J. Pickett" should be delivered, so John decided to drop a "t" from the end of his name. That branch has been spelled as such ever since.

John Pickett, Ambrose's fourth child, married Sarah Elizabeth Shepherd (Walker) in 1908 at the bride's home on Walker's Line. Sarah was the youngest of five children, whose mother died two weeks after childbirth. She was adopted out to an aunt and uncle in the Walker family. Sarah and John set up house at their 100-acre farm on Lot 3, Concession 7 on Seventh Line (Trafalgar Road). The farm had been purchased two years before from Albert Henry Tuck. John had a mixed farm, with market gardening, milk production and orchards. He and Sarah had 10 children, one of whom died as an infant. In 1913 John built a large barn with end drive and later a driving shed. John's neighbour had told him his land had been "the dirtiest farm in Trafalgar Township" since it was plagued by weeds. Through his determination and hard work, John soon had the land turned into a model farm.

John and Sarah attended Bethel Methodist Church on Trafalgar Road - he was treasurer for many years and helped with the new build in 1914. Sarah worked hard inside the house and out, raising the family, sewing all their clothes, canning and preserving the farm's bounty, and performing farm chores such as mowing all the hay. They are buried at Bethel United.

Dorothy, their oldest, contracted polio in 1937 and was in an iron lung in Hamilton General Hospital for 10 weeks. She married Walter Hayward, who provided her with 17 years of loving care while she was wheelchair

Joseph Pickett
b. 1814, d. 1907



Pickett Family Tree

Susannah Husband
b. 1822, d. 1897

William Ambrose Pickett
b. 1848 d. 1917

m. Hannah Jane Wilkerson b. 1859 d. 1924

Mary Pickett
b. 1849

Sarah Jane Pickett
b. 1853

James Pickett
b. 1855

Abner Pickett
b. 1857

Eliza Melissa Pickett
b. 1861

Joseph Pickett
b. 1865

Henry Pickett
b. 1867

James Pickett
b. 1882, d. 1918

Mary Annetta Pickett
b. 1883

Annie Pickett
b. 1884

John Pickett
b. 1886 d. 1963

m. Sarah E. Shepherd Walker
b. 1887 d. 1975

Joseph Pickett
b. 1889

Gladys Pickett
b. 1895

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