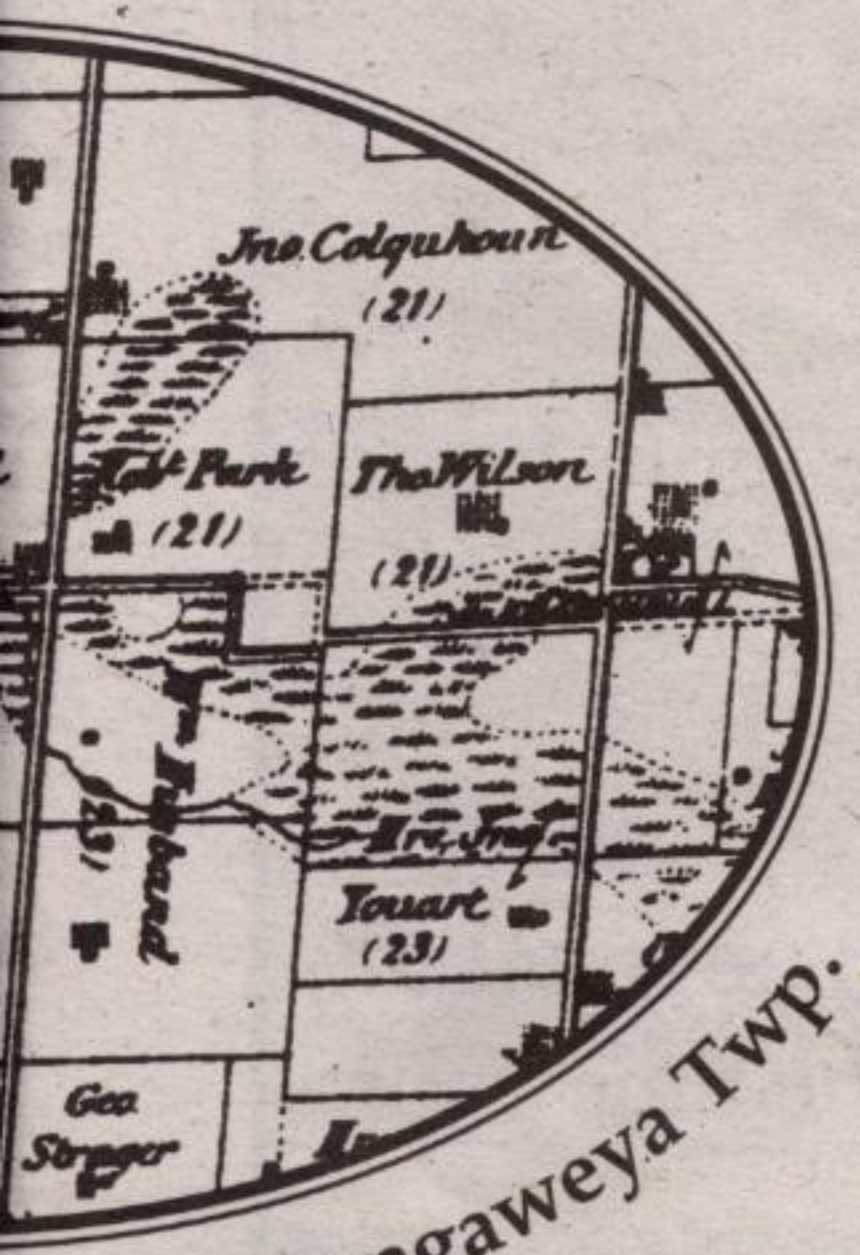


# Memories



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## Locker Family Farm

~ circa 1974 ~



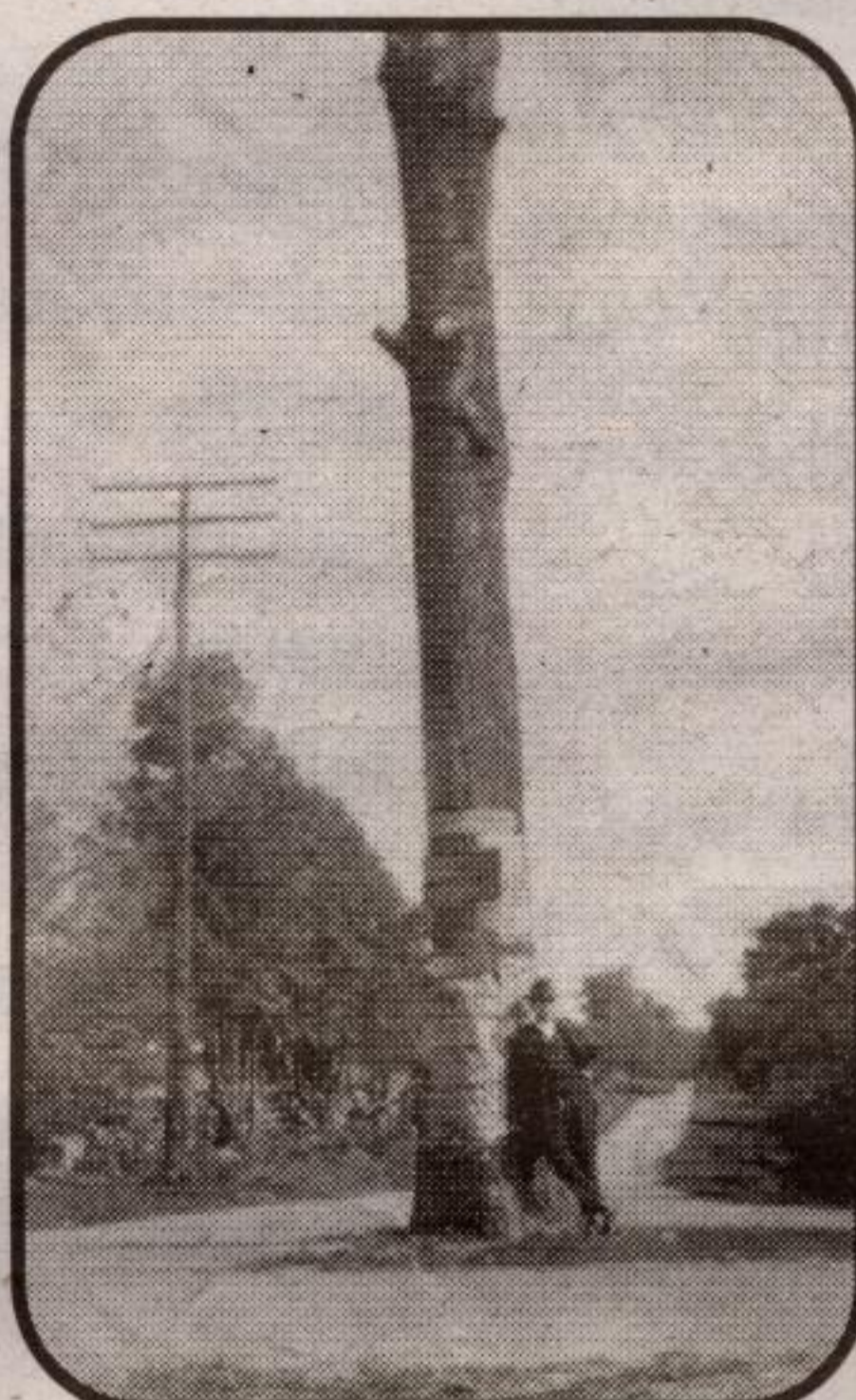
William Early & Laura Locker, Wedding Portrait

~ 1922 ~



Bringing in the sheaves ~ circa 1965 ~

Bill Early, Don Early, Sandra Early, Cheryl Norrish, & Laurie Early, with horses Bessie & Prince



Elm Tree Corner with unknown gentleman, looking toward 25 Sideroad



Melvin Locker

~ circa 1945 ~

Church (now Ebenezer United on Guelph Line). Oscar loved to hunt. He later worked in Blows in Acton, and married Jessie Wright. They farmed on the 3rd Line of Erin, and later back in Nassagaweya. The couple had two sons and a daughter: George, John, and Lorena. Myrtle married Dustan Lowrie and lived until her death on their farm near Eden Mills, where her son Melvin now lives. Mary married Arthur Cheney from Stratford and had two children. Laura married William T. Early. He bought the Locker farm for \$7,000 at 6% from John Locker. He always said the family "threw Laura in on the deal." John and Margaret moved to Acton on Bower Street in 1922 when Laura got married. Mrs. Locker had a leg amputated from diabetes. She was devoted to her family and was a very neighbourly woman. Laura and Bill had seven children. Florence married Mansel Taylor from the 1st Line of Nassagaweya. The couple had two children, Ollie and Alvin. Alvin was killed in a flight training plane crash in Alberta during World War II, and Florence died a couple of years after him.

Melvin Locker, the youngest, worked on the farm in his teens. He was a soldier in World War II. He met and married Josephine McCarty. They had four children: Alvin (killed in the trenches), Brian, Patty and Diane. Melvin worked at Dofasco for 33 years.

On the Locker farm, Laura and Bill raised seven children during the Depression; times were very difficult but they were thankful that they at least had enough food to feed the family. Sometimes there were no shoes for the kids, but Laura had a faith and it never failed her. She was church organist at Ebenezer for many years, teaching others to play piano as well. Laura also played piano in orchestras for dances. Music played a big part in the Locker family, as well as picnics and family celebrations such as reunions.

The farm was honoured as a Century Farm in 1967. Donald Early, along with wife Jean and their two girls Sandra and Laurie, farmed for 27 years, and then held the first clearing auction on the place in 1987 when the farm was sold. Don and Jean now live in Guelph. Sandra and Laurie represented the 6th generation of Lockers upon the land.

Oscar Locker b. 1894, d. 1959	→	George Locker m. Irene
Jessie Wright b. 1896, d. 1987	→	John Locker m. Beatrice
Myrtle Locker m. Dustan Lowrie	→	Lorena Locker m. George Redman
Mary Locker m. Arthur Cheney	→	Inez Lowrie m. Frank Lemmer
Laura Locker b. 1902, d. 1973 m. William Early b. 1896, d. 1979	→	Florence Lowrie m. Sandy Martin
Florence Locker b. 1904, d. 1947 m. Mansell Taylor b. 1901, d. 1980	→	William Lowrie
Melvin Locker b. 1911, d. 1972 m. Josephine McCarty b. 1820, d. 1987	→	Mansel Lowrie m. Joan
	→	Melvin Lowrie
	→	Betty Ann Cheney m. Charles Wilson
	→	Jack Cheney m. Sharon
	→	Myrtle Early m. Elwood Gullis
	→	Eileen Early m. Ernest McEnergy
	→	Mary Early m. Jack Spearing
	→	Bill Early m. Shirley
	→	Jean Early m. Pete Ortlieb
	→	Donald Early m. Jean
	→	Margaret Early m. Donald Blacklock
	→	Ollie Taylor m. Jim Stephenson
	→	Alvin Taylor
	→	Alvin Locker
	→	Brian Locker m. Stephanie
	→	Patty Locker m. Bruce Bennett
	→	Diane Locker m. Rick Gale



Keeping musical traditions alive, 1987 at family reunion

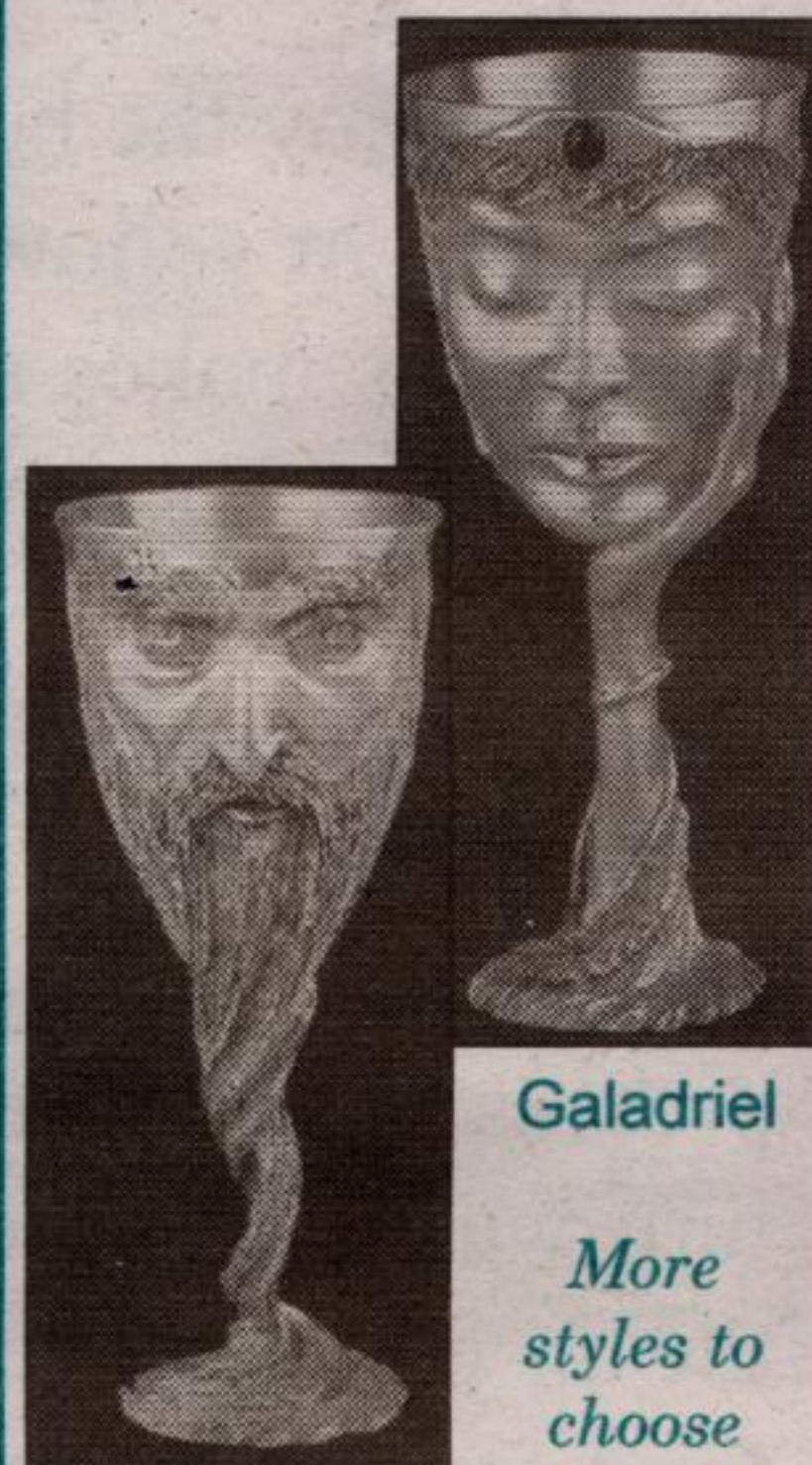
Ernie McEnergy, George Redman, Lorena (Locker) Redman, Eileen McEnergy, Bill Redman



Last Locker Family Reunion on the farm, May 1987

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