

Memories



Charles and Annie Twiss Family Home

~ 1955 ~

Annie Elizabeth pictured in front.



descendants of this family are still in the area today.

A family of farmers and carpenters, they were also a musical family and newspaper clippings mention the Twiss Family Orchestra and the Twiss Family Band playing for dances at the Kilbride Hall. Frank, Robert and Ralph all played violin. Frank's daughter Kate, played piano as did one of Ralph's daughters, Mary, while the other, Helen, was a singer. Frank also called square dances.

Edward helped found the Christ Church in Woodburn. Continuing in the Anglican tradition many of the family attended St. George's in Lowville. There are several headstones for the Twiss family in the cemetery.

"At one time there were five farms on the road owned by Twiss family members," family historian Michael Twiss, great, great grandson of George, explains. "My great, great grandfather's farm became the Boy Scout Camp and my grandfather, Reg Twiss, was the caretaker there until the 1980s. We used to play and swim at the camp. My parents, Gary and Myrna Twiss, are the last of the family still living on Twiss Road now."

Just south of where the Boy Scout Camp is now there was a marl bed in the swamp. The marl, a light coloured clay was cut from a pit, dried in a kiln and hauled by a horse and wagon to Campbellville.

Mary Twiss' husband, Ormiston Morse, had purchased the chopping mill in Campbellville in 1903 and in the back of the mill he mixed the dried marl and poisonous chemicals which sold as a dry dust insecticide for potato beetles known as Climax Bug Killer. The company was sold in the 1920's to Mr. King and William VanSickle who continued the business as King Bug Killer. The marl pit closed during World War II.

The descendants of this branch of the Twiss family are mostly in Ontario, Alberta and B.C. today, although Michael Twiss has had contact with relatives in the U.S., Ireland and New Zealand.



Marie & Reg Twiss

~ circa 1980 ~



Gerald & Lillian Twiss Family

~ circa 1965 ~

Back Row, L to R- Bill, Patsy, Phylis, Ruth, Ralph (Rusty) and Keith. Middle Row - Julie, Gerald, Lillian, Ralph Boyd and Anne. Front Row - Evelyn, Bob, Kathy and Ron.



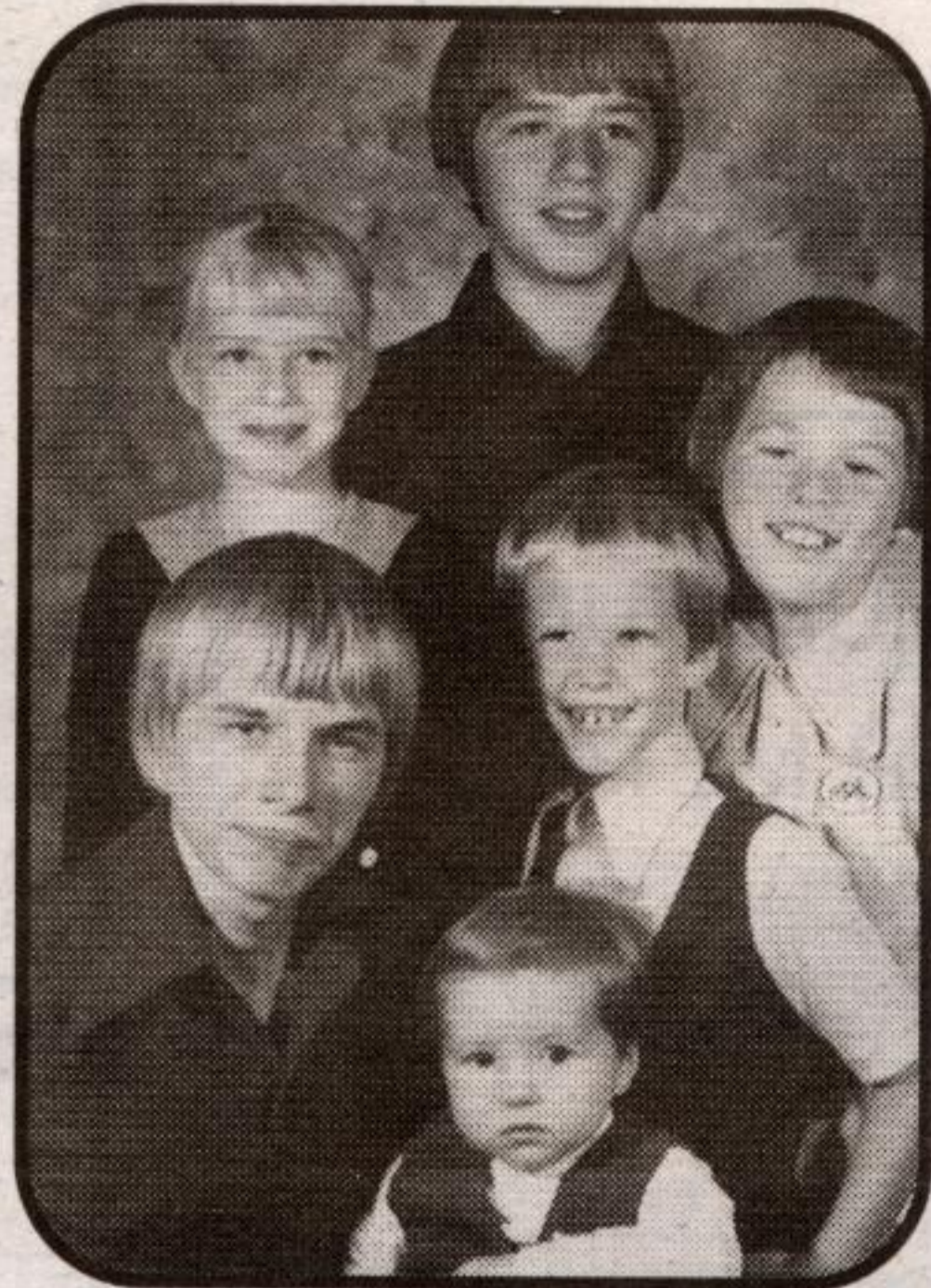
Ralph Boyd Twiss Sr. Family

~ circa ~1980

Back Row, L to R- Helena, Frances, George, Mary Neal and Beth. Front - Gerald Twiss.

Grandchildren of Reg & Marie Twiss

~ circa 1973 ~



Back Row, L to R- Beth and Michael Twiss. Middle - Stephen Twiss and Gary and Scott McCartney. Front - Gordon Burns.



Myrna & Gary Twiss

~ circa 1990 ~

Donna Marie Twiss
Gary Reginald Twiss
b. 1937
m. Myrna Kearney

Marilyn Elizabeth Ann Twiss
m. Murray McCartney
Brenda Jean Twiss
m. Peter Burns

Audrey May Twiss
Annie Bernice Twiss
John (Mac) McCurdy Twiss
George R. Twiss
Claude Charles Twiss

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