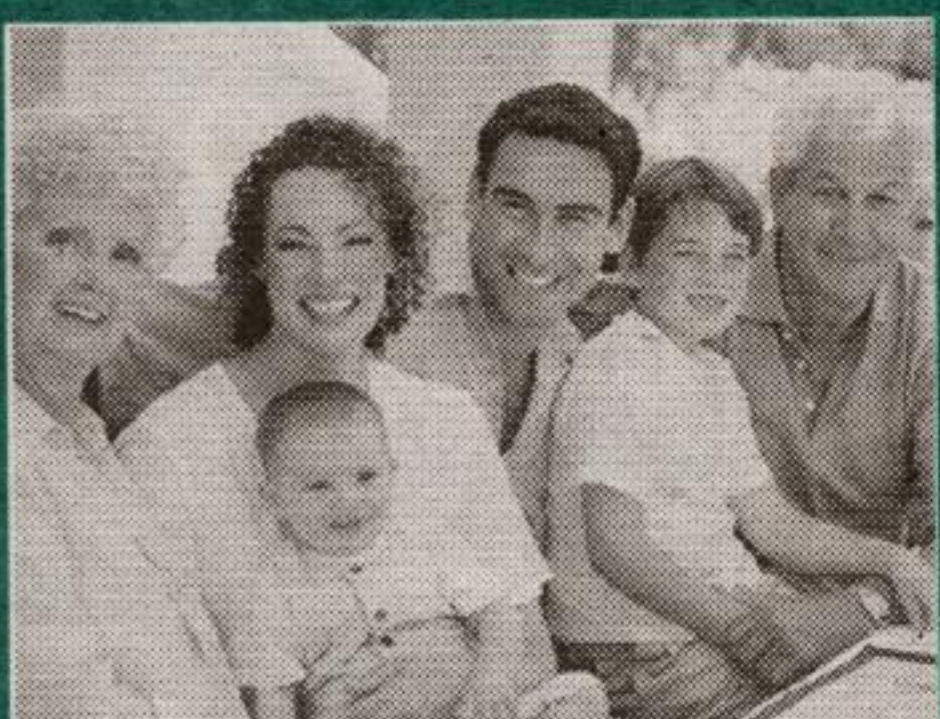
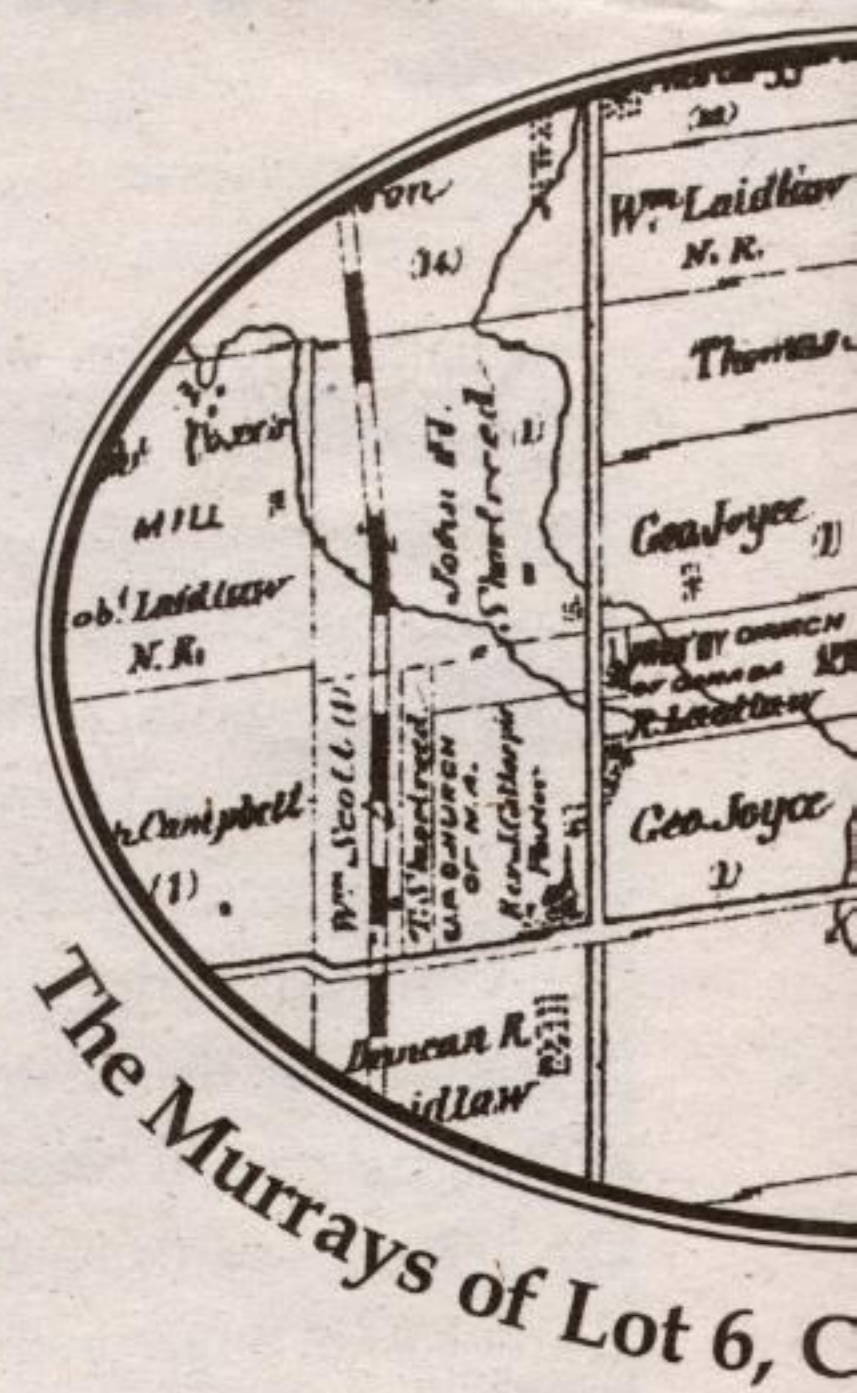


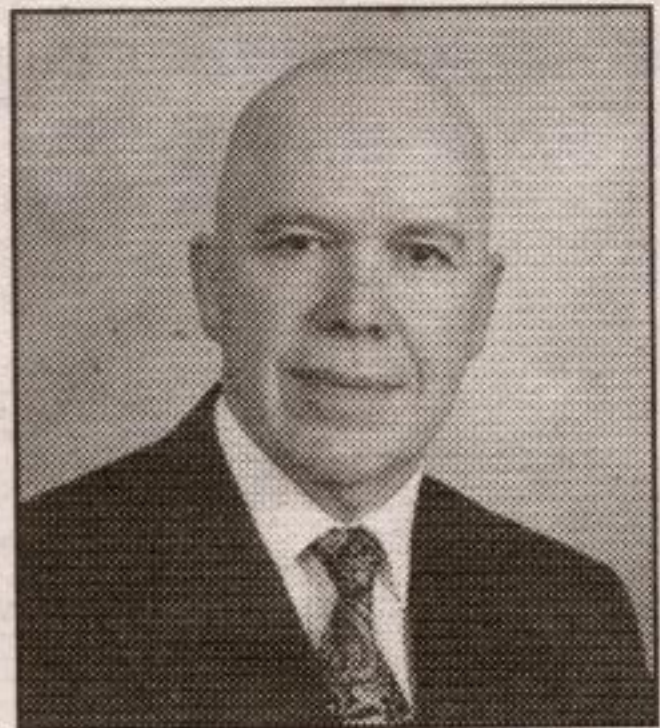
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Margaret (Duff) Murray & Robert Stuart Murray

~ circa 1898? ~



Robert Stuart Murray oil painting by Milton artist Elizabeth Bastedo ~ circa 1895 ~



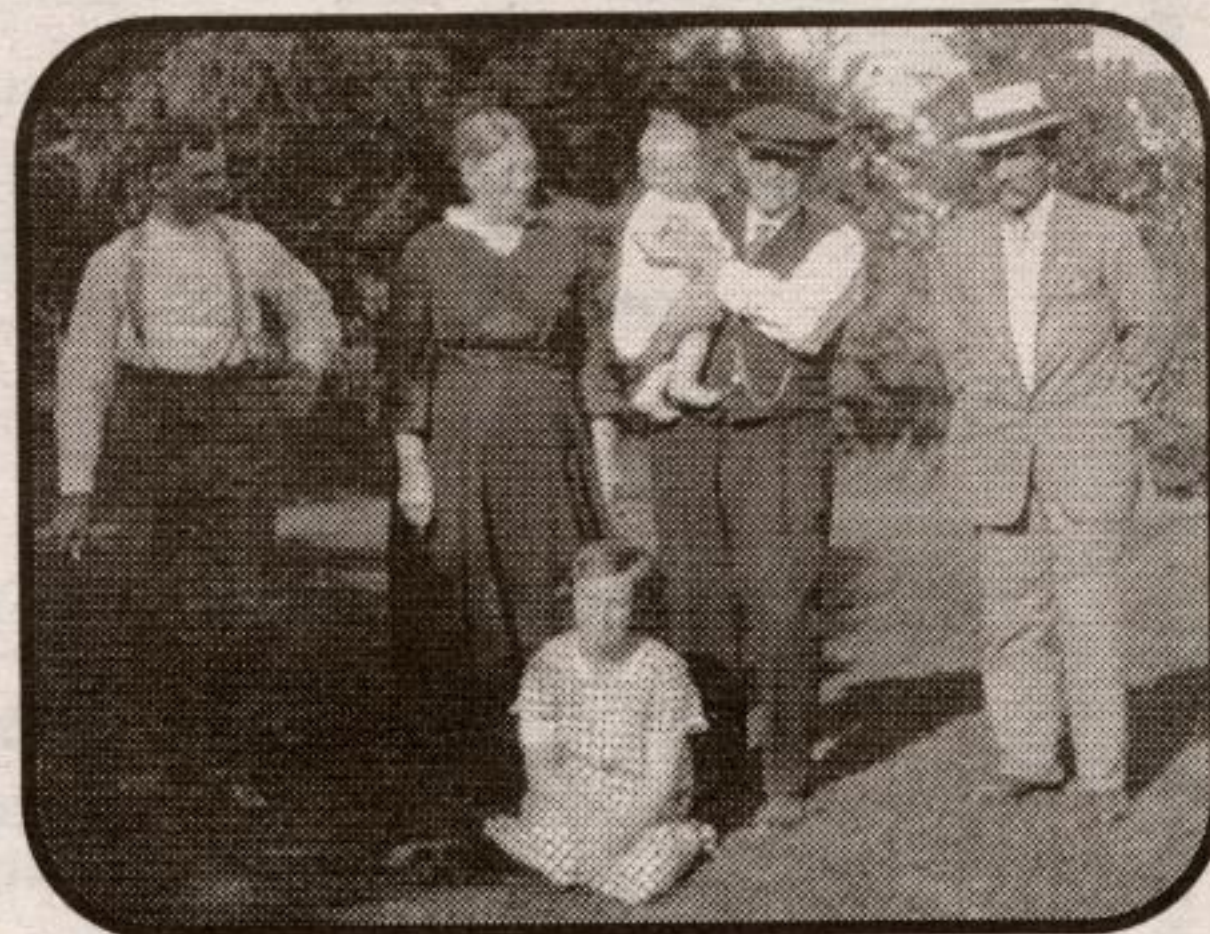
James and Alex Murray ~ 1926 ~



Stuart Murray and Mervin Fleming (brother of Mary Fleming Murray) ~ circa 1920 ~



Alex Murray & Margaret Hargreaves ~ 1950 ~



Murray Family ~ circa 1924 ~

from left to right, back row: Stuart, Margaret (Campbell) Murray, James, J.D. Murray, Mr. Hawley. Front row: unknown

Robert Murray was the son of Nathaniel Murray and Betty Minto, born in Moffatt, Dumfries, Scotland. He and his brother William came to Canada, leaving their six siblings behind.

Robert landed at York on June 2, 1819. He received a land grant of 100 acres, the east half of lot 12, conc. 4, Esquesing, in what became known as the Scotch Block. In 1826 this property was sold to David Moore.

In 1824 Robert bought the east half of lot 6, conc. 4 from George Bell. He married Mary Laidlaw, daughter of James and Helen Scott Laidlaw from Ettrick Forest, Selkirkshire. They had no children. Mary died in 1847. Robert then married Margaret Duff, daughter of James and Christina Cameron Duff from Perthshire, Scotland. He built a storey-and-a-half fieldstone house, part of the present home of Mary and Bob Merry. Later the west half of lot 6, conc. 4 was purchased as well as the west half of lot 5, conc. 4. The first mechanical threshing in the area was done on Robert Murray's farm when he built a stationary machine in the big barn. Robert and Margaret had six children; three died young. He died in 1864, survived by Margaret and the remaining three children: James, Lizzie and John.

James Duff Murray remained on the farm, and in the 1880s a Georgian style addition was built. He married Isabella Gillies in 1889. She was the daughter of John and Margaret Gould Gillies of Argyshire. Their homestead was on lot 17 and 18, conc. 3. James and Isabella had one son, Robert Stuart. Isabella died when Stuart was one-and-a-half years old. James's second wife was Janet (Jennie) Murray, a distant cousin born in Grey County. They had one daughter, Margaret, and Jennie died shortly after her birth. James's sister Lizzie and her husband Dr. Peter Stuart adopted Margaret. James's third marriage was to Margaret Campbell of Esquesing, but they had no children.

James's brother John married Isabella McDowell. Their daughter married Roger Hall Ptolemy of Milton.

In 1889 James sold a building lot for \$1 on the west half of lot 6, conc. 4, to Boston Church for a manse. After his mother Margaret Duff died in 1904, the Murray family donated a stained glass window in her memory. When James retired he moved to Milton, and his son Stuart and his wife Mary Etta Fleming farmed on the homestead. She was the daughter of

Robert Murray  
b. 1797, d. 1864



## Murray Family Tree

m 1. Mary Laidlaw  
b. 1791, d. 1847  
(no heirs)

m 2. Margaret Duff  
b. 1820, d. 1904

Robert Murray  
b. 1849 d. 1861

James Duff  
b. 1851, d. 1924

m 1. Isabella Gillies  
b. 1860 (?), 1894

m 2. Janet Murray  
b. 1866, d. 1902

m 3. Margaret Campbell  
b. 1859, d. 1954

Elizabeth Murray  
b. 1853, d. 1920

m. Dr. Peter Stuart  
b. 1858, d. 1925

William  
b. 1856, d. 1860

Nathaniel  
b. 1857, d. 1860

John Murray  
b. 1860, d. 1919

m. Isabella McDowell  
b. 1855, d. 1927

Robert Stuart  
b. 1893, d. 1966

m. Mary Fleming  
b. 1899, d. 1988

Margaret Frances  
b. 1902 (adopted  
by Elizabeth and  
Peter Stuart)



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