

MEMORIES



nc. 6, Esquesing Twp.



Fred & Tina Cole
~ circa 1928 ~



James Reid home circa 1900, with
the William Cole family.

William purchased the original farm on the 6th Line, Esquesing where he had lived when he first married. He built a new brick home and moved there with Agnes, Fred, and Emma and remained there until Fred married Tina Thompson in 1928 and took over the farm. William, Agnes and Emma then moved to Acton.

Fred and Tina farmed until 1946 when they sold the farm and moved to Acton. Their one child, Gordon, died at birth. Tina passed away of cancer in 1947. Fred married Margaret Morrison in 1951, and they lived on Peel St. for their remaining years. Emma moved with her father and sister Agnes to Acton until she moved to a nursing home in 1977. Emma ran a boarding house from the 1930s to the early 70s for many young men and women who moved to Acton to work. Agnes lived at home until 1933 when she married Alexander (Sandy) McKay, a farmer from Silvercreek. They had no children. Annie married John McLean in 1908 and moved to his farm on Lot 5, Conc. 10, 9th Line, Erin. They raised three children: Jean, Will and Irene, with John dying in infancy. In 1948 they retired to Acton where Jean taught music from their Brock Street home. Will married Eleanor Graham in 1948, and they worked the 9th Line farm until their deaths. Irene trained as a nurse at Guelph General, married Fred Dixon in 1945, and they farmed at Derry and Tremaine Roads until their 1969 retirement.

Minnie Cole married John Kirkwood in 1912 and moved to his farm on the 10th Line of Erin Township where they raised a family of five. Youngest son, Gordon, farmed at home with his parents until his death in 1988. Violet married Clarence Hurren, and they farmed on the 3rd Line of Erin before retiring to Guelph. Wilfred worked in hardware stores in Georgetown and Guelph before opening his own store, Kirkwood Hardware, on the main corner in Norval from 1952 to 1972. In 1957 he married Jean Eccles of Brampton, and they lived near Norval and Limehouse before retiring to Georgetown. Wilma married Garnet Sinclair who farmed on the 8th Line of Erin near Ballinafad. Wilma, son Lorne and daughter Lynne remain on the farm. Harvey married Marjorie Harris of Caledon Township in 1946. They farmed near Acton, and he worked in factories in Acton and Milton before retiring. Marjorie worked in the post offices in Acton and Georgetown.



Kirkwood & McLean families ~ 1943 ~

Back: John McLean, Will McLean, Gordon Kirkwood, John Kirkwood, Wilf Kirkwood, Clarence Hurren, Harvey Kirkwood. Front: Jean McLean, Minnie Kirkwood, Annie McLean, Violet Hurren, Wilma Kirkwood, Emma Cole.



Kirkwood family ~ circa 1930 ~

Children at back: Harvey, Violet & Wilfred. Parents centre: Minnie & John. Front children: Gordon & Wilma.



Lorne, Garnet,
Wilma & Lynne
Sinclair
~ circa 1970 ~



Family gathering ~ 1953 ~

Back: Harvey Kirkwood, Gordon Kirkwood, John Kirkwood, Ron Green, Will McLean, Wilf Kirkwood, Fred Dixon, Fred Cole, Clarence Hurren, Oliver Kirkwood. 2nd row: Nola Kirkwood, Marjorie Kirkwood, Violet Hurren, Celia Kirkwood, Irene Dixon, Jean McLean, Anna Kirkwood. 3rd row: Minnie Kirkwood holding Linda Kirkwood, Emma Cole, Sandy McKay holding Lois Kirkwood, Aggie McKay, Annie McLean, Margaret Cole. Front: Wilma Kirkwood, Judy Kirkwood, David Kirkwood, Diane Dixon, Anne Dixon, Marilyn Kirkwood, Thelma Kirkwood, Gary Warren.

Elizabeth Ann Cole
b. 1882, d. 1980

John McLean
b. 1872, d. 1952

Agnes Jane Cole
b. 1882, d. 1953

Alexander McKay
b. 1884, d. 1960

James Cole
b. 1883, d. 1884

Fred Cole
b. 1886, d. 1971

m1. Christina Euphemia
b. 1890, d. 1947

m2. Margaret Isabel Morrison
b. 1888, d. 1975

Mary Margaret (Minnie) Cole
b. 1888, d. 1979

John Palmer Kirkwood
b. 1885, d. 1972

Emma
b. 1890, d. 1979

Lavina Weir
b. 1892, d. 1893

Margaret Jan McLean
b. 1913, d. 1987

William Archibald McLean
b. 1914, d. 1998

Eleanor Graham
b. 1919, d. 2002

Emily Irene McLean
b. 1918

Fred Dixon
b. 1919, d. 1994

John Donald
b. 1921, d. 1922

Gordon Cole
died at birth

Violet Margaret Kirkwood
b. 1913, d. 1993

Clarence Hurren
b. 1908, d. 2001

John Wilfred Kirkwood
b. 1914, d. 1997

Agnes Jan Eccles
b. 1926

Harvey Cole Kirkwood
b. 1919

Marjorie Sarah B. Harris
b. 1922, d. 2000

Wilma Anna Kirkwood
b. 1925

John Garnet Sinclair
b. 1923, d. 2001

Gordon Robert Kirkwood
b. 1927, d. 1988

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