

MEMORIES



Home of Henry Humphrey Trudgen, grandson of William Trudgen Sr., at Morpeth, near Blenheim, built about 1840, photographed in the 1890s. At right, Henry, his wife Lilly, and children Andrew and Margaret.



Trudgen homestead on Highway 3 near Morpeth, Kent County, where Western Ontario colonizer Col. Thomas Talbot is said to have once slept. Built in 1845 and still standing, occupied by Maude Trudgen, 87. In photo, front, is Mrs. John Taylor Trudgen (seated) and daughters (left) Mary and Maria.



Mary Ann (Allen) (1843 - 1925), wife of John Taylor Trudgen. ~ circa 1910 ~



Humphrey William Photographed at Parry Sound. ~ circa 1850 ~



William Allen Trudgen, left, grandfather of Cliff Trudgen of Morpeth. Other two unidentified. ~ circa 1910 ~



Clifford Trudgen of Morpeth, with his mother Maude and daughter Megan with William Trudgen Sr.'s gravestone in Ebenezer Cemetery, Nassagaweya.

local settlers' homes until William donated a piece of land off a corner of his farm for a cemetery and the first Ebenezer church in 1831. The log chapel served as a church meeting house and a school until a frame building was erected in 1847, to be replaced in 1915 by the present brick church.

The Trudgen family in Nassagaweya lasted only until about the 1850s when the second generation of Trudgens, like many others in the township, heeded the call of the frontier. William Sr. and Ann lived the rest of their lives there and are buried in Ebenezer Cemetery, but by 1858 all but their daughter Amelia (Mrs. Jonathan Adamson) had departed. The original 200 acres had grown to a square block of 400 acres with the purchase from the Canada Company in 1833 of the adjoining east and west halves of Lot 21 for \$300.

William Jr. married Mary Taylor about 1830 and settled on the east half. They had six children: William, John Taylor, Hanna, Mary, Eliza and Amelia. In 1848 William Jr. and Mary sold their 100 acres and moved to East Flamboro Township; John Taylor moved to Howard Township in Kent County about 1881, where his great-grandson Clifford and his mother Maude still live on the 100-acre farm at Slabtown, just west of Morpeth. Mary married Nicholas Winter, a member of a United Empire Loyalist family. She died a year later at about age 24, and Nicholas left soon after for Kent County. Mary was the first person buried in Ebenezer Cemetery. Rebecca married Henry Young in 1828 and the couple raised six children: William, Henry, Thomas, Humphrey, Jonathan and Catherine. They lived briefly on the east half of Lot 19 in the 4th Concession, south of Darbyville, until the arrival of the Easterbrooks in 1831. Humphrey settled on the west half of Lot 22 in Concession 3, married Elizabeth Norris in 1839 and had four children: Mary, Rebecca, Eliza and Francis. Elizabeth died in 1847 and is buried in Ebenezer Cemetery; Humphrey eventually moved to Western Canada. Eliza married William Fletcher Jr. and settled on the west half of Lot 20 in the 4th Concession. About 1854 they sold their 100 acres and moved to East Flamboro. Their children were William, Joseph, Mary Ann, Francis and John. Amelia married Jonathan Adamson in 1837 and took over the west half of Lot 21, Concession 3, one of the four original Trudgen farms, in 1840. They had nine children: Mary Ann, Elizabeth, James, John, Jane, Susanna, Eliza, Rebecca and Jonathan. Jonathan Sr. died in 1890 and Amelia died in 1904; both are buried in Ebenezer Cemetery. The farm remained in the family until 1915.

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| Marie Ann Trudgen
b. 1866, d. 1953
m. Charles Craig
b. 1862, d. 1951 | Harley Trudgen
b. 1910, d. 1983
m. Maude Marsh
b. 1915 |
| Mary Elizabeth Trudgen
b. 1868, d. 1919
m. Douglas Gray | Elmer Trudgen
b. 1912, d. 1983
m. Ann Reynolds |
| William Allen Trudgen
b. 1870, d. 1961
m. Ellen Sophia Stringer
b. 1876, d. 1938 | Muriel Trudgen
b. 1913, d. 1989
m. Purcell Ashton
b. 1902, d. 1990 |
| Henry Humphrey Trudgen
b. 1873, d. 1955
m. Lilly Rose Clarke
b. 1880, d. 1961 | William Albert Trudgen
b. 1939
m1. Carol Chapman
m2. Sheila Moloney |
| Rosana Gertrude Trudgen
b. 1878, d. 1948
m. William Wilkinson
b. 1876, d. 1956 | Clifford Wayne Trudgen
b. 1945
m1. Kay Hart
b. 1947
m2. Linda J. Hughson
b. 1947 |
| John Francis Trudgen
b. 1881, d. 1968
m1. Flossie Coll
b. 1884, d. 1916
m2. Edith Barker
b. 1889, d. 1981 | Trudie Evlyn Trudgen
b. 1952 |
| Olive May Trudgen
b. 1884
m. Duncan McKinlay
b. 1882, d. 1941 | |

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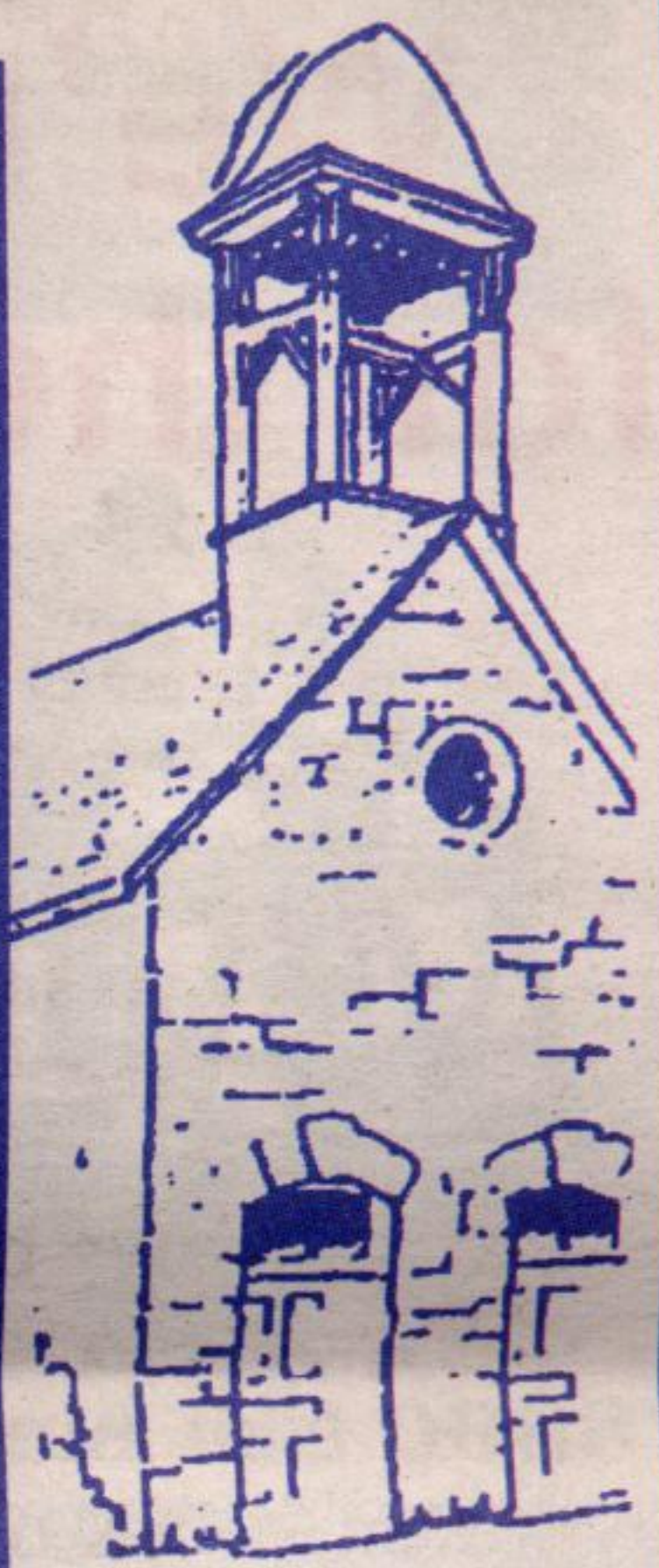
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