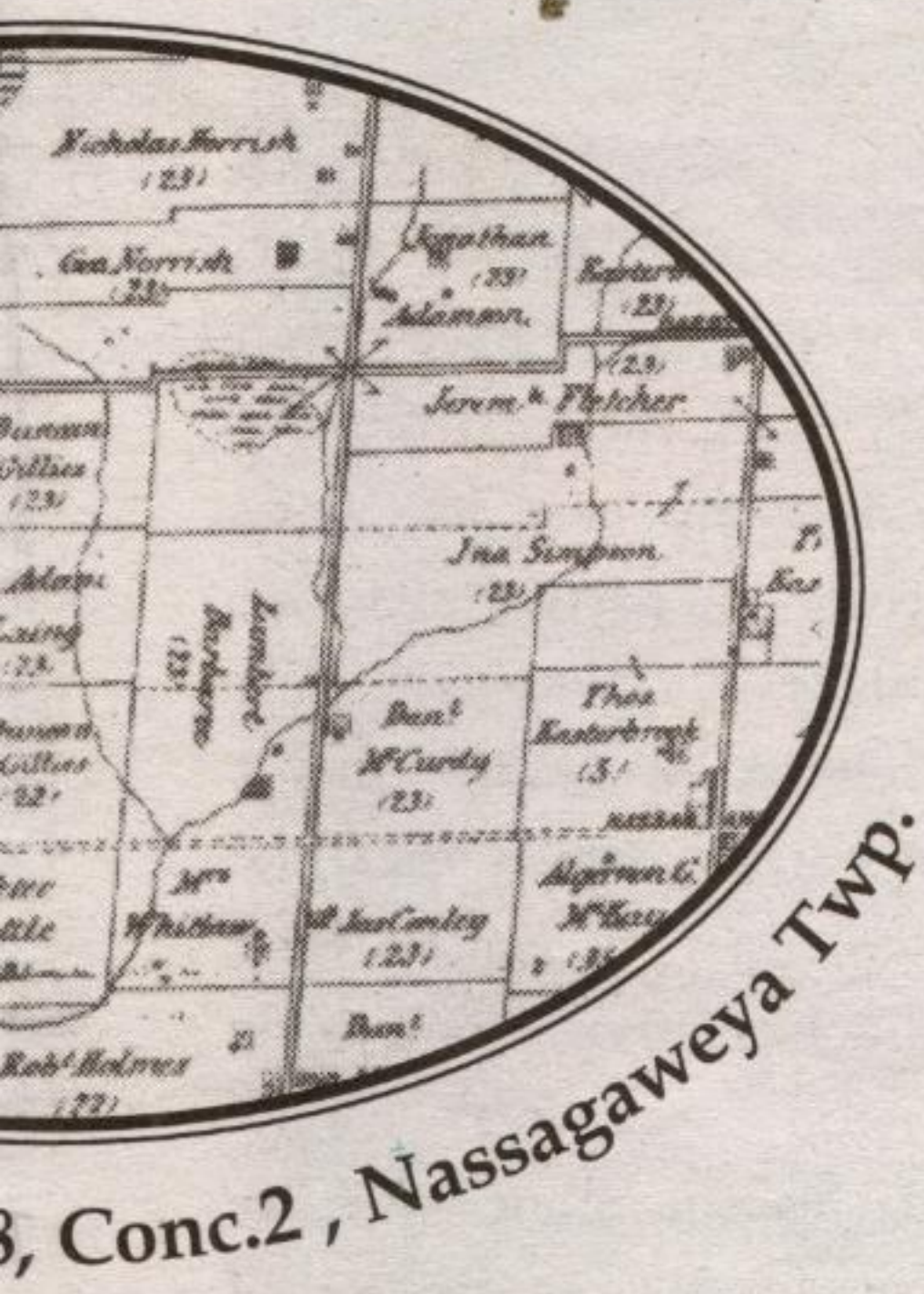


# MEMORIES



Melvin Grant Campbell  
1905-1968



Campbell Farm, Lot 18, Conc. 2

Above: Stone farm house  
Below: Aerial view taken c. 1953



Shorthorn herd operations using the home farm, and also the Cusick farm at Lot 15, Conc. 1 which was purchased in 1927 and the Baynton farm at Lot 19, Conc. 1. He joined the RCAF in 1941 and was eventually posted to various aerodromes in the United Kingdom working as a Liaison Officer between the USAF and RAF airforces. He saw service in the RAF's Flying Control and Air-Sea Rescue Branch working on the south coast of England. He was discharged in 1943 with the rank of Flight Lieutenant. On his return from overseas, Grant established Campbell Farms Ltd. and built up his Shorthorn herd to 250 head after purchasing supplementary breeding stock from top Shorthorn breeders after several trips to Scotland, England and Ireland. In September 1950, the first all-imported sale of Shorthorn cattle was held in the sales arena at Campbell Farms, with buyers coming from Canada and the USA. Over the next three years, sales were held with over 500 attendees each, and buyers coming from both North and South America to purchase high-quality, pedigreed stock that had been imported the previous year from the UK. The Women's Group from Nassagaweya Presbyterian Church would cater at the event. In 1955 the majority of the herd, including the famous herd sire, *Calrossie Cock Robin*, was sold to R.E. Smith of Houston, Texas. Again, the herd was built up, this time with Polled (hornless) Shorthorns using artificial insemination and the polled bull, *Birmingham Nugget 3rd*, with horned cows. It was said that the "horns were gone but the influence of Scotland remained." A show string of animals was eventually developed and exhibited at the CNE, Royal Winter Fair and local fall fairs such as Milton, Kitchener, and Erin. In 1960, a Polled Shorthorn bull by the name of *Dandy of Westdrums* was purchased in Scotland and brought to Campbell Farms to be herdsire. In 1962 *Dandy* was taken to the International Polled Shorthorn show in Chicago and was selected Senior and Grand Champion bull. This was the first time in the history of the International that the Polled Shorthorn championship bull came from Canada and was an imported Scottish sire. The following year, Campbell Farms returned to Chicago with a small string of heifers and bulls, winning Reserve Champion Polled Shorthorn Female. Due to deterioration in his health, Grant Campbell decided that he had to sell his herd in November, 1964, at the Hays Farms International arena in Oakville. *Dandy* was sold and went to a breeder in Virginia. Grant Campbell died in 1968, leaving his wife Kathleen (Kay) and four children. Kay Campbell remained on the farm and moved to Guelph when the farm was sold in 1985. Duncan (1935) graduated from the Ontario Agricultural College and University of Western Ontario, went into banking and has retired to Vancouver. Douglas Ian (1937) graduated from OAC and joined Canada's Foreign Service and has retired to Victoria, BC. James Scott (1942) graduated from the University of Guelph and the University of Edinburgh and is a fisheries research scientist with Canada's Department of Fisheries and Oceans in St. John's, Newfoundland. Rosemary Ruth (1948) graduated from the University of Calgary and McGill University and was a city planner in Hamilton. She now trains hunter and jumper horses and resides on a farm south of Elora, Ontario.

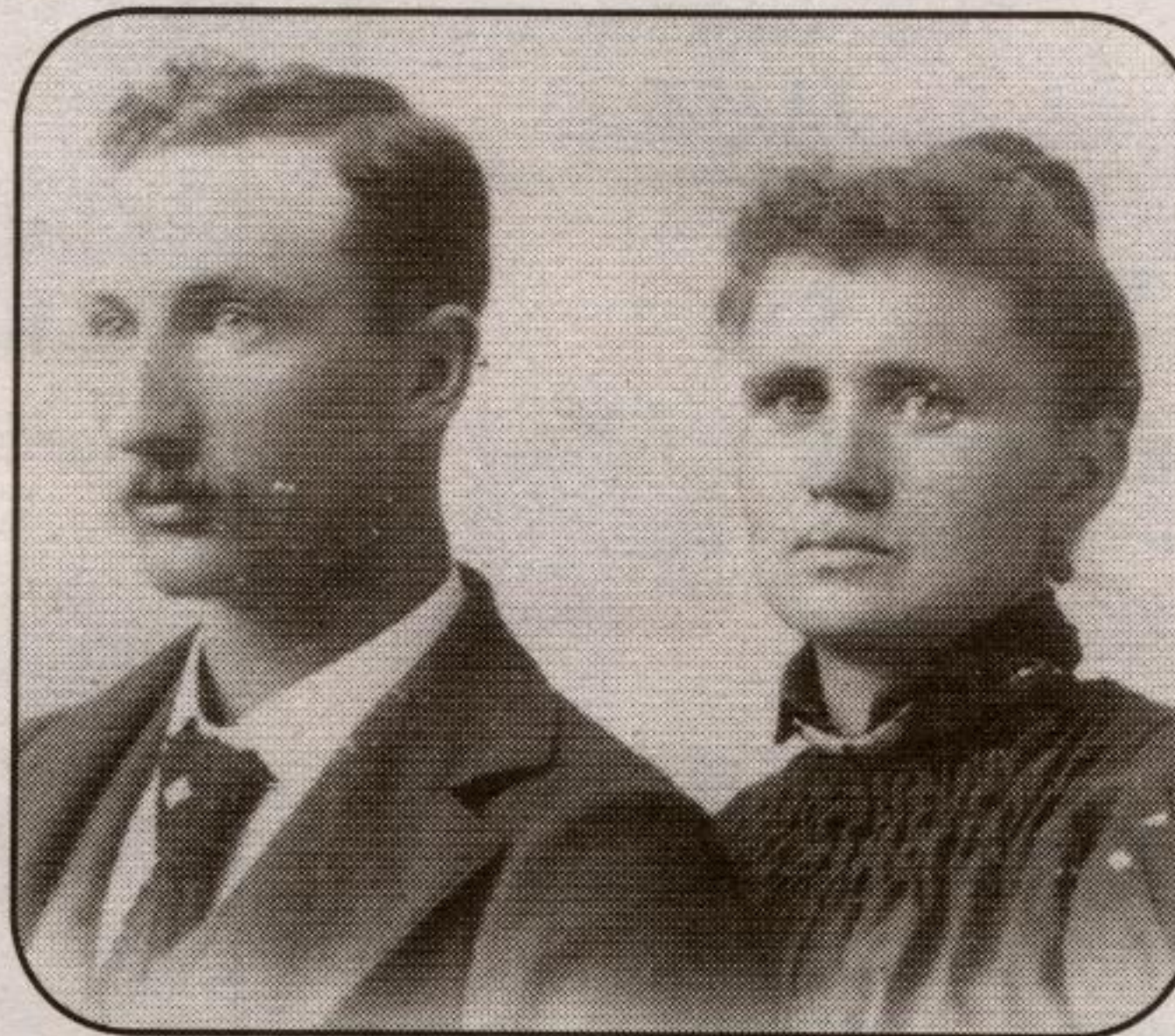
Campbell Farms Shorthorn Herdsire Calrossie Cock Robin ~ 1950 ~



Melvin Grant b.1905 d. 1968  
m. Kathleen Grace Wing

Duncan  
Douglas Ian  
James Scott  
Rosemary Ruth

Partial direct line for the Campbell family of Lot 18, Conc. 2, Nassagaweya Township. Photos and background information courtesy of J.Scott Campbell. Compiled by Audrey Allison.



~ c. 1886 ~  
Alexander Campbell and Julia Curtis  
Springfield, Missouri



Kay Campbell's 90th Birthday  
Back, l to r: Scott Campbell, Douglas Campbell  
Front, l to r: Rosemary Campbell-Cooper, Kay, Duncan Campbell



~ 1962 ~  
Dandy of Westdrums at International Livestock Exposition, Chicago, shown by Herdsman, Jack Sanderson.

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