



McFADDEN FAMILY HOUSE was built at a time when workmanship was everything in building. It took two years to complete, from 1910 to 1912, and cost a total of \$3,900. Above is the formal dining room, furnished in keeping with

the age of the house. The lovely cut-work and crocheted hand-made cloth was made in St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands. The house is now owned by third-generation McFaddens, Stuart and Freda and their two children Scott and Anne.

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McFadden — built 1912

When workmanship mattered and the going was tough

The McFadden family home on Tremaine Rd., is an imposing red brick structure, three stories high and 65 feet in length. This dignified 11-room monument stands as a reminder of a time when workmanship was everything in building.

It took two years to complete, from 1910 to 1912 and cost a total of \$3,900. The immense basement was dug with a horse and scoop. The gravel, sand, bricks and supplies were hauled four miles over muddy roads by horse

and wagon from Milton. There are 3,000 bricks alone in the double chimney running through the centre of the house to accommodate the smoke from the furnace and fireplace. The bricks were made at Milton Brick Co., and the stone came from the mountain.

Made in Milton Most of the trim, doors, sash and shutters were made in a trim factory in Milton. The lumber was sawn at Readhead's Mill at Britannia

Rd. and Walker's Line. The builder was Thomas McFadden, who with his wife Virtue and six children, settled in Trafalgar Township in 1907. From 1907 to 1912 they lived in a brick cottage which still stands on the property. The cottage is believed to have been built in 1840. Prior to that a log cabin was used by the settlers of the land.

Known for tools Thomas came from a family of cabinet makers at Van Kleeck Hill in Eastern

Ontario. His father was from Scotland. Thomas was the first in a long line to become a full-time farmer. The McFaddens were known for their tools for the butter trade, their emblems being the Scotch thistle, a goose and a rose.

Thomas and Virtue designed the big house. All the wood was grown on the property with Thomas going into the 60-acre forest and marking certain trees for specific use within the house. The large front hall was his pride and joy and the magnificent stair rail and newel post are as sturdy and handsome today as the day they were made.

Hard worker Virtue lived up to her name. She not only had six children and a husband to care for but boarded the workmen during the two year building period. The cottage was small, cooking done on a wood stove and coal oil lamps used for lighting.

The farm was originally 200 acres. It was later divided for two sons Will and Malcolm. Malcolm farmed 80 acres on the east side and 50 acres across the road where he built his house.

Upon the wedding of Alice and Will, Thomas and Virtue moved to a large house on Martin St. in Milton where Thomas died in 1934. Virtue lived on in the house until her death in 1949.

Will McFadden kept 120 acres which he and his wife Alice Henry farmed since their marriage in 1925. Will remembers as a teenager helping his father to build the large house. He and Alice had a son Stuart and just recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

Third generation When Stuart married Freda Howard in 1952 they became the third generation of McFaddens to live in the house. They converted the spacious second floor into an apartment and were there for eight years.

In 1960 Will and Alice built a red brick bungalow close to the road. The fourth generation, Anne, age 12, and Scott McFadden, show signs of the farming tradition continuing. Scott, now 14 and a student at White Oaks High School, is showing a desire to farm. He works his summers and spare time helping his father.

Five stairways Freda and Stuart have kept the house much the same as when grandfather Thomas built it. It is a house of doors, windows, and five stairways. There are two to the basement, two to the second floor and one to the spacious

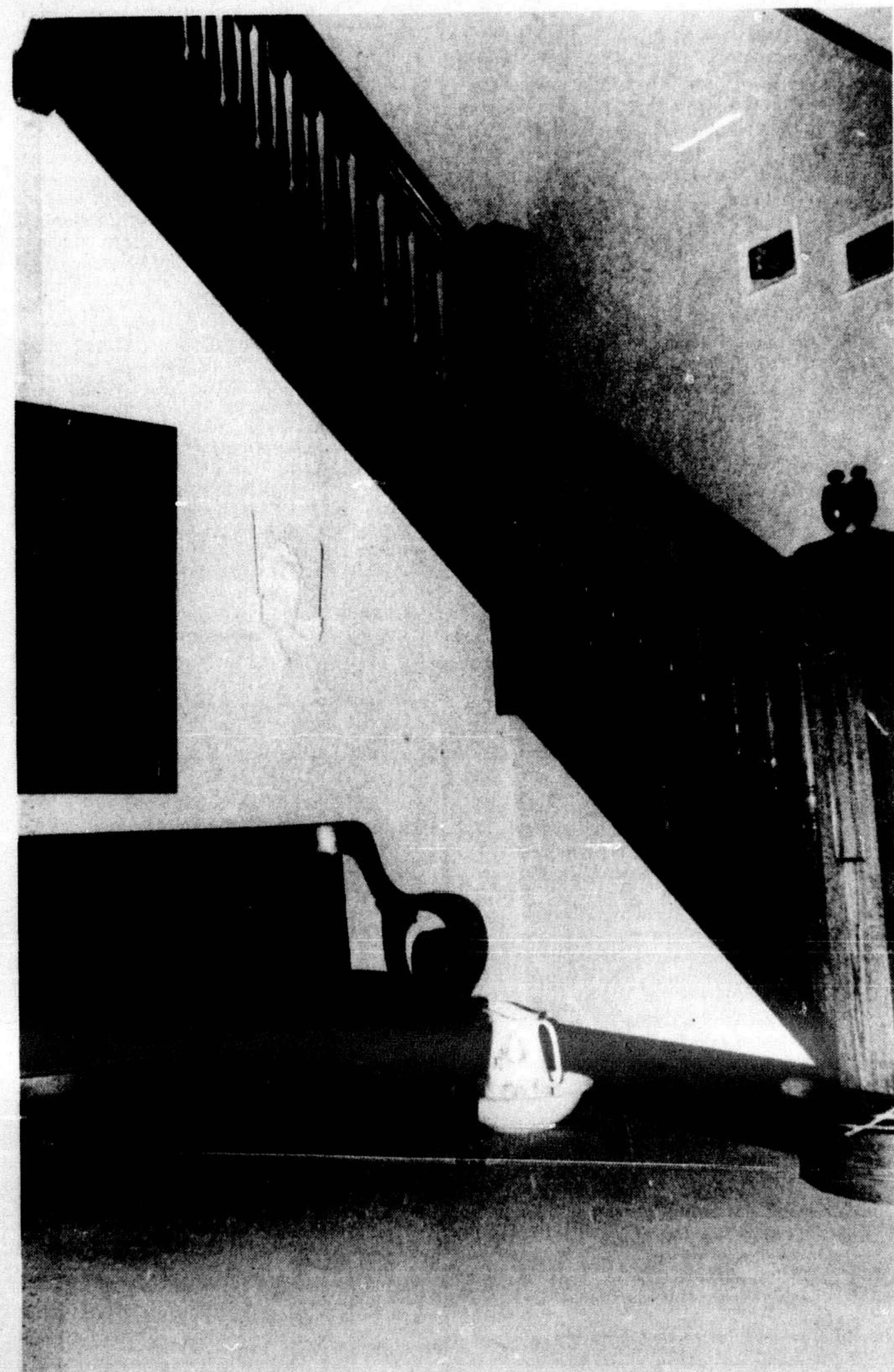
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BUILT IN 1840 this brick cottage was the home to which Thomas and Virtue McFadden brought their six children in 1907. It was here Virtue cared for her family as well as boarding the workmen while the big house was being built. Those were the days of wood stoves and oil lamps.

Home bread maker She uses a 1904 Universal Bread Maker for kneading the dough. Bought for \$3 at an auction, the tin pail with a handle on the top was awarded the gold medal in the St. Louis Exposition in 1904. Raised on the lid are the following instructions: Put in all liquids first, then the flour. Turn three mins. Raise in pail. Cover when raising. After raising turn until dough forms a ball. Take off cross piece, lift out dough with kneader.

Stuart manages the family business Triholm Feed, begun by his father in 1935. Triholm denotes the three brick houses on the McFadden property.



PRIDE AND JOY of Thomas McFadden was his front entrance hall. The wood came from the 60-acre forest on the property and was milled at Readhead's Mill at Britannia Rd. and Walker's Line. There are five stairways in the house.



OLD WASHSTAND sits against the wainscoting in the McFadden kitchen. It's one of the treasures Stuart and Freda find at local sales.



1904 BREAD KNEADER is used by Freda McFadden to make the family bread. It sits with some of the finished products on the counter of the long narrow modern kitchen.