

LOT 20

CONCESSION 2 N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$

(fronting on Con. 3 Road)

*Mr and Mrs. Donald Fretwell
dau. Corinne and husband,
Edward Murdock
their dau. Kerrylea, handicapped
son Christopher died 1974 at 3 years.*

This farm consists of 50 acres, all cleared land. There is a 'ward ditch' cross about midway. It is 40 rods wide on the 3rd Concession Road, running halfway back (south) to the 2nd Concession.

1st recorded owner - Mr. Sam Throop

1870 - Robert Fox

1901 - Albert Conklin

Mr. Conklin married 1stly Caroline Whitney and a son was born to them, LEONA. He married 2ndly, at the death of his first wife, Beatrice Fretwell. A daughter, Estella, resulted from this union.

1946 - Donald Bruce Fretwell, first son of Erwin and Ida McBroom Fretwell, purchased this land, following discharge from the R. C. A. F. He married Dorothy Hanna, Johnstown, and has a daughter, Corinne.

The barn was built about 1881, and replaced by Donald in 1948, of cinder blocks, and frame. The original barn was frame, with an underground stable.

The stone house has a frame shed, about 1913 vintage. There are several small outbuildings - brooder house, shed and garage. In 1947 electricity and telephon were installed, and the barn wired also. These repairs were done by the Fretwell men - Erwin, and his 3 sons, Donald, Egbert and Kenneth.

There is a small orchard at the front, but the land is low and wet in the middle section.

1981 - Daughter Corinne married Edward Murdock and they live with the parents, although they have a modern home erected beside the home place. They have a daughter, Kerrylee Ann. The elderly Mrs. Leonard Hanna also makes her home there.

WIND STORM, July 13, 1981, did much damage to the trees and garden. Some damage also to the house, when tree branches fell on the roof.

Con. 2
Lot 19



Lot 19
Concession 2, fronting on Con. 3 Road

NEWANS

Wallings map, 1861-62, lists this lot being held by "A. F. NOONANS" presumably the original spelling of the name. A small house on the property was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Byron Newans, while their son, Ezra and his wife, occupied a larger brick residence. Another son, Herbert, and his wife, lived across the concession road on their farm.

BYRON NEWANS died Jan. 20, 1946, his wife, LUCY CONKLIN, died June 5, 1934, ae 80 years.

EZRA ROY NEWANS, died Feb. 1979, aged 78 years. His wife, Pearl Shannon, (Jan. 17, 1896 - August 18, 1979.) They were residents of Wellington House Nursing Home in the last few years due to infirmities.

Their family: son RALPH EDWARD, died 1966, result of car accident. His commonlaw wife, Violet McCargar Wylie died 1972. RALPH had married in 1946, Catherine Elizabeth Horne, widow, daughter of W. J. Huff and Eva M. Hull

DAUGHTER RETA married ROY HESS, LIVES IN Brockville.

1985 - property now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Youde. A lot was sold to Howard Ferguson and one to Chas. Comber. Brian Silversides lives in the Byron Newans house.

Children of Ralph and Margaret - Margaret, Donna, Dwayne, Edna, Cheryl, Ralph Jr.,

Son Tommy by 1st marriage.

Con 3
Lot 19

Sam McCready, known locally as Sandy because of his red hair, married JULIA PERRIN, and resided on this farm until their death.

SAMUEL C. MCCREADY 1856-1922

JULIA PERRIN MCCREADY 1850-1928

They had no family, and the farm was taken over by her brother, FRANK PERRIN and his wife who lived there until his death. Mr. Perrin first married MARY FRETWELL, they had a son ROY and daughter HAZEL, who married EDGAR McCULLY.

His second wife was EMMA SMITH.

At the death of HAZEL McCULLY, her two sons were raised by Frank and Emma.



Replaced by a cement-block bungalow. Other tenants then included Mr. & Mrs. Norman Baird

Mr. and Mrs. Sam McCready
(nee Julia Perrin)
and Miss Maggie Perrin
on the veranda at McCready's.

This house burned, 1950, while
tenants were Mr. and Mrs.
Leslie Chapman



Frank Perrin and his sister
Libbie Birks



Back: Julia McCready
Maggie Perrin
Emma Perrin

Front:
Hazel (Perrin) McCully
Edgar McCully with son
Milburn



FOUR GENERATIONS

Baby Juanita Dawson
her mother, Mrs. Harold Dawson
(nee Ella Whitney)
her mother, Mrs. Jas. Fraser
(nee Letitia Scott)
her mother, Mrs. Scott

The Whitney children were:
Wilfred, Howard, Ruby, Ella and
Phyllis.

The Frasers (half brothers) were WALLACE and Kenneth.

Next owners were MR. AND MRS. William Ashby, who occupied it until they moved to a small house in Lord's Mills on retiring. The front part of the land was sold to Mr. Armstrong, cardinal, who erected a prefab house at the 3rd concession road. He sold to Mr. and Mrs. William Dyks, a Dutch couple who lived there until his death in 1986 when Mr. Dyks died, and the place was sold to Mr. and Mrs. Young.

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THE COMMONS

It is said that surveyors laid out the lots from west to east and from east to west, and the bit left over in the middle became known as "THE COMMONS". Whatever be the truth, it is a narrow strip of land between lots 18 and 19 in Augusta.

From Concession 3 to Concession 4, this was known as the WHITNEY farm.

Of the nine children born to SAMUEL AND MARY WHITNEY, one, NELSON bought this farm, and there he took his bride, MARY ANN TELFORD.

To them were born seven children:

ALONSON (Launt) who married LETITIA SCOTT, and lived on the homestead. SARAH JANE (Jennie) married

JOSEPH KNAPP

ELIZABETH married Royal.....PERRY, and went to New York State to live.

CARRIE married ALBERT CONKLIN,

lived in Maynard West

MAY

Following the death of Mr. Whitney, March 28, 1912, at 47 years, Letitia Jane married JAMES FRASER/. They resided on the farm for some years, then moved to Prescott where Mr. Fraser followed his trade as a carpenter.



CENTER COMMONS "B"
BETWEEN LOTS 18+19
SPRING 1984

E.D.P. diary
Maggie Perrin built
Veranda 1916



DOROTHY & ED



A VIEW FROM THE
TRAINING TRACK

- contributed by

THE CENTER COMMON BETWEEN LOTS 18 and 19,
Concession 2, fronting on Concession 3.

The Center Commons between lots 18 and 19, Concession 2 fronting on the 3rd Concession road, (or rear half, as it is called in the land records, of Commons B) consisted of 50 acres. It was first granted to Jonathon Jones, and has passed through many hands over the years as the following land records show:

- Nov. 16, 1811 - The Crown granted Jonathon Jones all of the land.
- July 14, 1818 - Samuel P. Thomas bought all of the land from Jonathon Jones estate.
- June 8, 1852 - Charles Wood, all the land.
- March 29, 1854 - James Findley bought all the land along with the East half of lot 19.
- June 8, 1854 - Charles Row, all 50 acres along with the East half of lot 19.
- July 30, 1856 - Wesley Pyke bought the rear half = 25 acres of Center Commons B. Mr. Pyke built the present house on the North-west corner in 1856.
- March 8, 1898 - Wesley Pyke and his wife Hannah granted the rear half = 25 acres to Mary Jane Oxby for Love and \$1.00.
- October 12, 1912 - Mary Jane Oxby and her husband William sold to Herbert E. Whitney the rear half = 25 acres.
- June 13, 1918 - Herbert E. Whitney sold to Margaret Perrin, a part as described, 1 acre, North-west corner of rear half. (Great Aunt of Goldie Connell, nee Perrin, of Maynard)
- November 29, 1920 - William Edward Byers, the rear half - 25 acres except for the 1 acre, North-west corner now owned by Maggie Perrin.
- January 31, 1927 - Mary Jane Coates nee Birks, a widow, bought the 1 acre, North-west corner of the rear half from the estate of Maggie Pyke nee Perrin. She had married Alf Pyke who owned the east half of lot 19, next door. He still owns this property but lives in a nursing home.
- June 8, 1928 - William Edward Byers sold Mary Jane Coates the rear half = 25 acres minus the acre, North-west corner she already owned. This brought the whole 25 acres back under one owner again.
- May 2, 1934 - Malcolm Sherwood sold the rear half = 25 acres back to Mary Jane Coates Sherwood for Love and \$1.00. I'm not sure how he came into possession of the property. Perhaps he automatically got title when he married her.
- Sept. 18, 1942 - Cecil Sargeant and his wife Margaret M. Sargeant bought the rear half = 25 acres from the estate of Mary Jane Sherwood.
- Sept. 17, 1945 - Cecil Albert Sargeant sold to his wife Margaret for \$1.00 the rear half = 25 acres, except for the 1 acre, North-west corner which he kept himself.
- April 20, 1948 - John Myers bought the rear half minus the 1 acre.
- July 12, 1948 - Mrs. Stanley (Ethel May) Salmon bought the rear half minus the acre.
- March 3, 1949 - Albert Patterson bought the rear half = 25 acres minus the 1 acre.
- April 26, 1949 - Ethel May Salmon bought back the 1 acre = North-west corner rear half from Cecil Albert Sargeant for \$1.00.
- April 20, 1950 - Ethel May Salmon sold to Albert E. Patterson and Lola Rhoda Jane Patterson bringing the rear half = 25 acres again under one owner.
- July 30, 1958 - Albert and Lola Patterson sold to Mrs. Pattersons sister and brother-in-law Norman R. and Kathleen A. Mackey, the rear half = 25 acres in all.
- January 4, 1982 - Norman R. Mackey and Kathleen A. Mackey sold to Edwin K. Pearson and Dorothy H. Winmill the rear half = 25 acres.

Edwin Keith Parker Pearson was a retired Agricultural Representative who had served for over 30 years in York County, Dundas County, Waterloo County, and finally in Grenville from 1966 to 1980. Dorothy Hope Winmill nee Owen was a retired widow born in Ottawa. She had been a homemaker and mother for 31 years, and worked at the headquarters of the Metropolitan Life Co., the National Film Library, The National Library and done some freelance writing including study materials for the United Church of Canada.

At the time of writing (1987) they have 5 children, and 6 grandchildren between them. They have become part of the community and enjoy living here.

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The old home was built in 1856 right on the rock, so close to the surface in many places in this area. There is no cement floor in the basement, just the natural stone, with all its ups and downs and crevices and shelves. The walls of the foundation are still slab rocks with masonry between, as is the cold storage built on the back of the home, leading to the rear basement door.

For heating economy and upkeep reasons, the old clapboard finish that was on when Ed and Dorothy bought has been replaced with new aluminum siding. The insulation has been brought up to maximum efficiency, and the old windows replaced with dura-vinyl windows.

The crowning glory of the house, it's 8 pillared verandah across the front and down the east side has been lovingly preserved, as has the carved interior woodwork of door and window frames, and baseboards.

Dorothy and Ed have built a new stable and a one mile training track for the Standardbred race horses they breed and train. They have also planted a magnificent Blue Koster Spruce on the side lawn of the house and 2,400 white Spruce and white Pine at the rear South end of the 25 acre farm. This will be a heritage for future owners after they are gone and a long standing mark that they also once laughed, and loved, and lived here on these Center Commons in Augusta Township.



JULY, 1965

ED + DOROTHY WITH DAUGHTER
CHRISTINE SHIBATA (nee WINMILL) +
GRAND-DAUGHTERS MIKI + KIMI
(NOTE THE LOVELY PILLARS)

LOT

18

Concession 2, fronting on Con. 3 Road.

WILLIAM EDWARD BYERS and his wife, Alma Marson, with their young family, came to Maynard from Stanstead, Quebec, in 1921. They purchased the farm then owned by Augustus Whitney, an grandson of the Nelson Whitney who had come to Canada in 1806 from United States.

Their children:

William Edward, married Pearl Knapp, and went to live on the farm of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Knapp, Concession 4.

Robert Elihue, married Isobel Macdonald while serving with the armed forces in Scotland. They settled at R. R. 2, Brockville, North Augusta Road.

Alma Ellen (Nellie) graduate nurse from Ontario Hospital, married John Hall, wh. later became Rev. John, an Anglican Minister.

Ena Agnes, also a graduate from Ontario Hospital Brockville, married William Johnston, and went to live in Brockville.

Richard Dudridge, enlisted in R. C. A. F., 1948-54, married May Marshall, North Augusta.

Mrs. Will Byers was a life member of Maynard Women's Institute, very active in all community affairs. They attended Lord's Mills Anglican Church.

At the death of Mr. Byers, the farm was sold to Robt. Gollinger, a teacher at South Grenville District High School.



William E. Byers - 1884-1969
his wife

LOT 18

Concession 2,
fronting Con 3.

LEAVITT'S list of land patents for Augusta:

Lot 18, Con. 2, W $\frac{1}{2}$, 100 acres, May 17, 1802, owner LITTLE GLASSFORD. (Lytle)

WALLING'S map 1861-62:

Lot 18, Con 2, fronting on Con. 3, all 200 acres, owner, C. WHITNEY

CHAUNCEY W. WHITNEY died April 1904, aged 60 years.
his wife

MARY C. ROWE died June 1920, aged 76 years.

Both are interred, Maynard Cemetery, Lot 81.

Their son, WILLIAM CHAUNCEY WHITNEY died aged 31 years (1883-1914)

Next occupant was HERBERT EUGENE WHITNEY, as far as we know. His wife was

ADA FLORENCE BASS, daughter of John W. Bass
grandaughter of Justus

They had 1 son: KENNETH who married PEARL MOXAM, Prescott. He chose not to continue on the farm, and it was sold to William Byers.

HERBERT WHITNEY died Feb. 1956 and his wife, ADA August 13, 1980, aged 103 years.

When they left the farm they ran a grocery store in Prescott, corner Wood and Edward Streets for many years.

Their son, KENNETH BASS WHITNEY, had an insurance agency in town for a time, then moved to California where he operated a physical therapy clinic.

Grandson MOXIE WHITNEY directed the Royal York Hotel orchestra in Toronto for many years, lived for a time in the Cayman Islands, now directs the orchestra in the Chateau Laurier Hotel, Ottawa, and resides in Oxford Mills, where he and his son have a general store.

Grandson KENNETH WHITNEY lives in Haliburton where he is in business.

THIS HOUSE was one of a number built by the WHITNEY men in the Maynard area. Of stone construction, they have stood the test of years, and a number of them are still being used as dwellings.

Moxie Whitney d. July 21, 1989 (George Eugene)
his wife, Jennifer Bayrak June 17, 1989



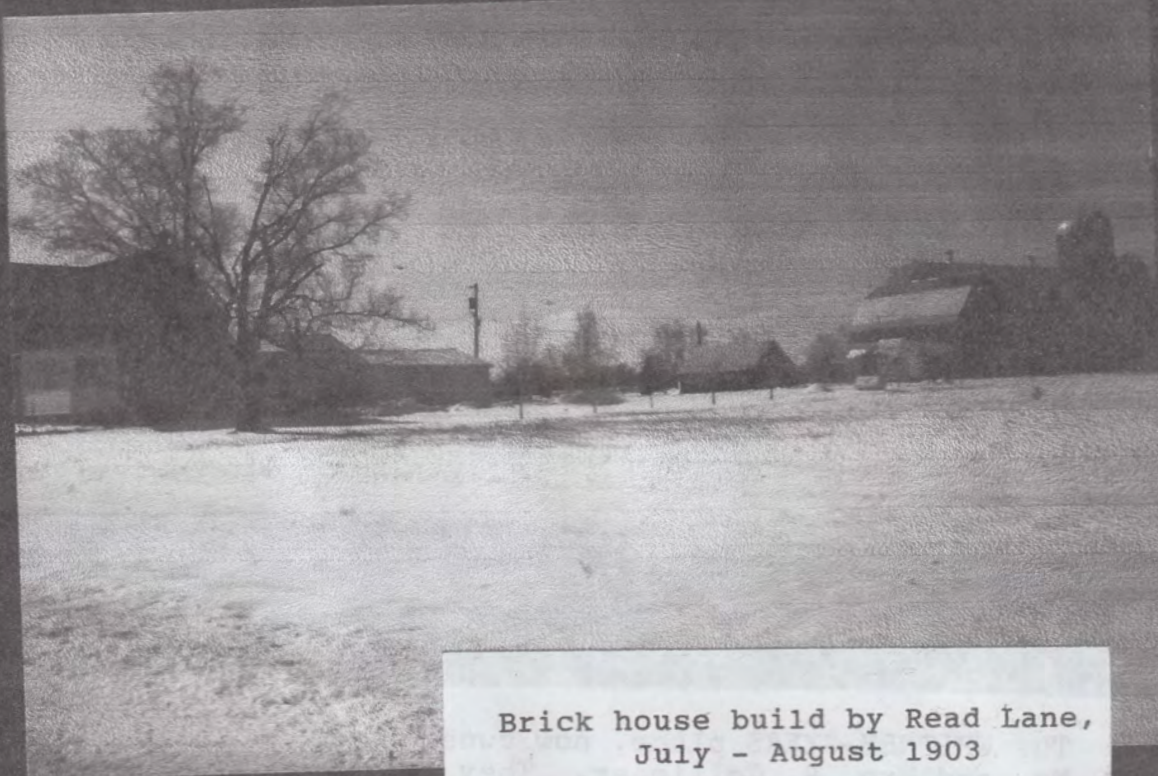
The WHITNEY-BYERS place, now owned by Mr. and Mrs. R. Gollinger. They purchased from Mr. and Mrs. Will Byers Estate, have made extensive renovations, adding a sunporch and patio, with pool at the western end.

A plantation of evergreens at the front is shown in this photo, taken February 1992.



MR. & MRS. WILL BYERS
son RICHARD and daughter

Am. 3
Lot 18



Brick house build by Read Lane,
July - August 1903



FARM HOME AND BUILDINGS OF MR. HENRY POEHLMANN, 1992.

Wallings' map, 1862, shows this lot as being owned by Mrs. Lane and Mrs. Robertson.

It was the home of MR. READ LANE, who built the brick house there during the summer of 1903.

His son, Walter, followed him, and then Walter's son, Eldon operated the farm. They ran a sugar bush, as well, during that season.

Mr. Poehlmann came to Canada from Czechoslovakia following WWII, with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albin Poehlmann, brothers Bert and Roland and sister Ruth.

Following the death of Mr. Albin Poehlmann, the two brothers, Henry and Bert farmed here. Bert died in 1990, and Henry continues to live



IVAN LANE, ELDON LANE and Thomas Walker who made his home with Ivan Lane until enlisting WWII RCAF.



PANSY SPICER, WIFE OF ELDON LANE.

Eldon died in farm accident, 1954, aged 38 years. Pansy died 1990, interred Trenton, Spicer family plot.



MRS. WALTER LANE, nee ANNIE SPICER
1879-1976

Home of Andrew Ivan Lane, late
Group photo taken in Trenton, N.J. in front of residence
of his sister, Mary, at Trenton, N.J.
Mrs. Lane is wearing a dark coat, following surgery, Dec. 12, 1954.
He wears this for 2 months.
With his wife, Pansy (nee Spicer), daughter Jane, and son
Mrs. John Spicer.