

The Shears Farm

The Ken. Farrell Farm

Comprises of 100 acres. Lot Pt. 1. Con. 11. Cuyhrasia.

This farm was first occupied by a Mr. and Mrs. John Shears and their family Elizabeth, Mrs. Struthers. Jane, Mrs. Sam. Harbey Mrs. Charles Veysey. Fanny, Mrs. Thos. Bradley. Mrs. Lawton. Richard and John.

They had come from Bedford, England about 1860. and settled at York Mills for a time. Coming here sometime during the late 60's

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Veysey had an acre of land, a house, and a shop just inside and north of the gateway. He was a framer, carriage maker, carpenter and blacksmith. (This shop was torn down by the Bennetts)

The names of their family that I have heard of are Lily, Mrs. Richards. Lucy, Mrs. Fred. Eagles. Laura, Lizzie. Edward.

After the death of his parents, John Shears took over the farm. His wife was a Miss Kirkwood of St. Marys. The school register of 1893 names 3 of their children, Millie, James and Sarah. John Shears died in 1903.

Mrs. Shears rented the farm to a Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Bradley and family who moved here from Glascott in Phenix tp. in April, 1904. Although Bob Bradley only lived here for 5 years. He was one of the pionders of Grey County. He was born in Ireland in 1836. The family came to Canada in 1847. He was one of a family of nine. They settled on a homestead near Berkeley, and as the story goes, they grew into manhood and seperated each to go his own way.

Robert Bradley was married in 1872 to Miss Hannah Myrd Richardson, who was of English parentage, but was born in Toronto. They had a family of eight children, five of whom have passed away. Elizabeth, in infancy. Arthur in 1925. Pillian in 1953. George in 1912. Emma in 1941.