

Early Settlers

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smith and had succeeded to the shop of his father-in-law and father. Later he removed with his family to Townsend. At the time of his death his farm consisted of the north part of Lots 11 and 12 on the tenth concession.

Robert Barnes (1858-1933) had been sent to the home of his maternal grandparents, the Forsters, at the age of two. George and Nellie were allowed to keep the child and raise him as their own. Consequently, the Forsters brought up young Robert in their Roman Catholic faith.

Ultimately he succeeded to his grandparents' 100-acre farm and was later to double its size. He commenced raising Holstein-Friesian cattle about 1901 and, at the time of his death, high class strains from his herd were to be found throughout North America.

Clarence William Percy (1865-1936) and Matthew Charles Leslie (1867-1941) also apparently remained in the Jarvis area when their parents moved to London.

Perce (or Percy) was a carpenter by trade and lived out most of his life in the neighbourhood of Jarvis and Waterford. Charlie became a printer and, at the time of his death, had a printing establishment in Caledonia.

He was more commonly called "Patsy" from his imitation of a mentally retarded individual of that name in Jarvis. Ironically, Charlie's name was recorded as "Patrick Brock" in the St. Paul's burial register at Jarvis.

Both Frank (1856-1925) and John Forster (1862-1914) were employed as clerks in London. John clerked for a time in Napier as well, where an uncle, Robert Brock (1838-1925), was a blacksmith. Frank also taught school in the Napier area for a short while.

In 1889, both brothers purchased a general store in St. Williams, and John carried on the business when Frank withdrew from the partnership and moved to Dawson City, Yukon, some time after the discovery of gold in the Klondyke. Thomad Dundas (1860-1929) assisted his father for a few years in London as a blacksmith and woodworker before returning to the Jarvis and Waterford areas. He had designed a machine for making cement blocks which were used in the construction of several barns in the area.

His name and the date "1908" may still be seen on the southwest corner of the

barn constructed for his brother, Robert. maining years with their sons.

Arthur Ernest (1870-1947) became first a wood engraver and then a copper engraver. He founded the Brock Engraving Company in London about 1893, but this business failed some seven years later and he moved his family to Toronto where he worked as a photoengraver.

By 1905 he had moved to Philadelphia where he was employed by the Photo Chromo-type Company. After the death of its owner, the employees bought and re-organized the company, and for some five years Ernest served as its president.

Both Herbert Granville (1872-1891) and Frederick Mortimer Gustavus (1875-1959) attended school in London.

Herbert was a bookkeeper there at the time of his death from tuberculosis. Fred worked both in London and in Woodstock before moving with his family in 1912, first to Medicine Hat, Alberta and ultimately to Winnipeg, Manitoba owing to his interest in land speculation in western Canada.

His last visit to friends and relatives in the Jarvis area occurred in the mid-1950's.

As he grew older, John Sr.'s business in London gradually declined, and he and Bessie returned to the Jarvis area about 1899 to live out their re-

Bessie returned to the practice of the Roman Catholic faith while living with her son Robert. She was buried in the Forster family plot, St. Mary's Cemetery, Windham Township.

John died at the home of his son George, and was interred in the family plot in Jarvis.

While none of the descendants of John and Bessie Brock still reside in the immediate vicinity of Jarvis today, they can still be found as near as Port Dover, Simcoe, Waterford, and the northern portions of Townsend and Walpole Townships.

Many distant cousins of this branch of the family, however, descendants of Mary (Brock) Armstrong and her brother, Thomas Brock, are still to be found in Jarvis and its immediate vicinity.



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On The Farm Front

CAYUGA - Recent weather was ideal for growth in crops but was also perfect for the development of diseases and insects that affect crops. The army worm is one of the pests that has created problems in scattered or isolated locations. Most of the problem areas were grassy or sod last year.

No serious problems have been reported in Haldimand yet. Control information can be found if necessary in publication 296, Field Crop Recommendations 1972. This publication, prepared annually, is available at the county agriculture office.

Phil Hare, Nanticoke, recently was elected vice-president of the Rural Learning Association. Haldimand farm organizations can expect to hear more from Phil about R.L.A. and what it means or can do for them and rural

people. Wednesday, Aug. 30, is beef day at Ridgetown College of Agricultural Technology. Theme of the eighth annual Southwestern Ontario Beef Cattle day is Beef in Your Future. Detailed programs are now available.

Milk commission staff changes effective Sept. 1, 1972, have been announced. John Penn-

ington will be located in North Bay. Derek Fisher will be at Woodstock for a month and then to Peterborough. Ted Rothmel has already been located at Stratford and Bill Van Loo will be working out of Welland.

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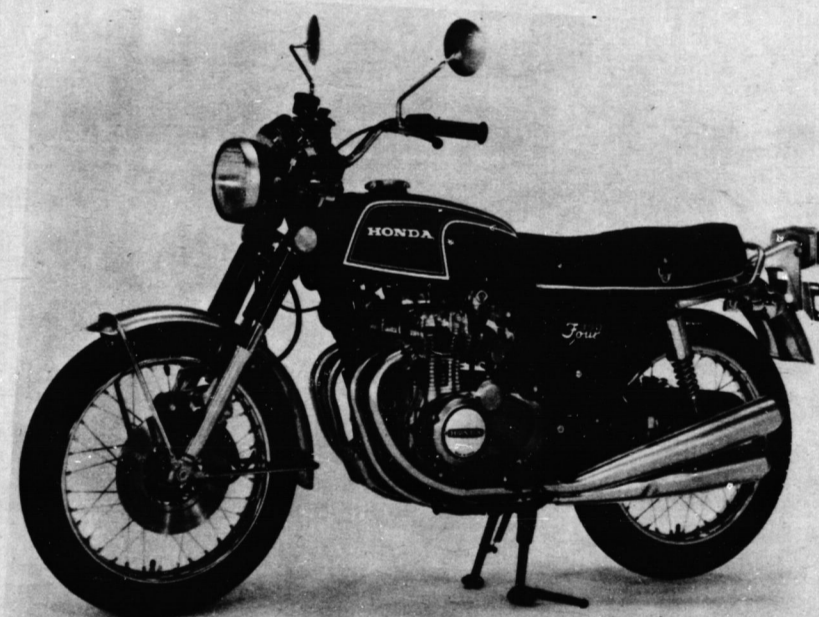
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