

COUNTRY HOMES IN JARVIS AREA

an address given by Mrs. Ben Jarvis W.I. Grandmothers' 1967 Annual Picnic

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ted after the devastating fire of 1873. There are probably more that are century houses or very close to being 100 years old. The United Church parsonage was built between 1872 and 1874.

In the surrounding area we have some Centennial Farms, namely those owned by Clarence Swing, Bill Williamson, Clarence McSorely, Bill Lawson, and Bob Fallis. Bill Williamson's grandfather, James Williamson settled there between 1860 and 1864—coming here from Scotland and buying the farm from his friend Mr. Bethune, who had received the land from the Crown in 1811. The two families had been friends in Scotland. Mr. Bethune was the father of the Stone Church, a minister at the time. Mr. Williamson bought the farm it was all cleared but ten acres.

Bill Ineson's grandparents settled on his farm after several of his great uncles had become discouraged with Walpole clay and returned to Scarborough.

The Fallis family came from Milton and settled on the farm now owned by Mr. John Hogterp. When Robert Fallis married on March 17, 1859 they began to clear the farm where Bob Fallis now lives.

Four generations of the Swing family have lived on the great-grandfather of the present owner, Mr. Clarence Swing, bought 200 acres of land in June 1848 from Rev. Francis Evans. This land was obtained by Rev. Evans from the Crown in 1836 for 200 pounds sterling. Mr. Swing sold the western 100 acres to the Heenans in 1852. The farm remained in the possession of the Heenans until Mr. Clarence Swing bought it in 1938, later selling it again to Keith Stallwood.

The farm now owned by Clarence McSorely was obtained from the Crown on Nov. 20, 1847 by James McSorely grandfather of Mr. Clarence McSoreley. The deed for this farm was registered in April 1850. These are a few facts about our older homes. There are probably many I have missed. As we view these fine reminders of the past, we are reminded of the poet's words: "Grow old along with me—The best is yet to be".

Turning The Clock Back In Jarvis

Written January 1963 by Mrs. R. A. Miller (Cont. from last week)

The first school in Jarvis was on Talbot St. across from the Anglican Church. Mr. Frank Brock, a pensioned soldier, who had lost a leg in war before coming to Canada was the first teacher. The Brocks were related to General Sir Isaac Brock. There were no churches in Jarvis at this time and occasionally a travelling minister held services in the school. This was previous to 1846 when the first Church - Anglican was erected in the village. The new log school was built on the site of Lundy and Henderson's Garage. The first Public School Board Records are dated 1857. This log school was shown in a picture of Walpole St. 1865. The only modern conveniences were cool air conditioning through cracks in the floor.

Monson St. was named for Wm. Jarvis. This was his middle name. Davis, Lydia, Elizabeth and Mary Streets were all named for his family.

Doctors in Jarvis are as follows: Dr. Carlos (Uncle of Mr. Ernest Walker, Principal Jarvis Public School and Dr. Herbert Walker of Dunnville), Dr. Langrill Dr. Newell, Dr. Leatherdale, Dr. Henderson, Dr. Sutherland, Dr. Tweelie, Dr. Jones, Dr. Krawetz and Dr. Lyons.

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Wm. Jarvis received grants of land in Walpole in recognition of his services to the Government.

No better description can be given him (Mr. Jarvis) than to quote the inscription which appears below a stained glass window in St. James (Anglican Cathedral in Toronto).

"Sacred to the memory of the Honourable William Jarvis U.E.L., an officer of the First Canadian Regiment or Queen's Ranger's. Served with that Corps during the American Revolutionary War. Was secretary of state for the Province of Upper Canada during the administration of Governor Simcoe and first Provincial Grand Master of Free and accepted Masons during the same period and an original pew holder of this church. Was born at Stamford Connecticut 11th of September, 1756 died at York (Toronto) Upper Canada August 13th, 1817. Russell, Hunter and Core 1792 to 1817."

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