



HILLSIDE FARM

Hillside farm is composed of the west half of lot 20 concession 14 Townsend.

It was granted by the crown in 1834 to John Hair and has been in the same family up to the present time.

Jack is the 6th generation to have lived there.

In a diary kept by a member of the family the voyage is described.

They left Berwick-on-Tweed, England in April 1834 arriving at Quebec, city on May 23 of the same year.

The journey from Quebec to Port Dover was made in a flat bottomed boat taking nearly two months.

They took possession of lot 20 in Townsend shortly after their arrival.

John Hair had three children, Bartholomew, Johnston, and Elizabeth.

Johnston was killed accidentally when his gun exploded while looking for cows in the beaver meadow on the property of Emerson Miller.

At the death of John the farm became the property of his son Bartholomew who married Margaret Jackson.

There were five children born to this union, John, Elizabeth, Anna, Laura, and Johnston.

At the death of Bartholomew the farm became the property of his eldest son John.

John married Anna Nixon, and they had two children Bruce, and Mary, the latter passed away at the age of 25.

John died in 1931 and the farm passed into the hands of his son Bruce.

Bruce had married Ida Rodgers and they had one daughter, Mary (Mrs Alfred Marr) who with her husband and son are living on the farm.

The first house was built on the hill where the orchard stands. Later it was moved to the next lot when it was sold in 1896. The house still stands and is being used by Nicholas Chelminski.

The house in which the Marr family live was built in 1842.