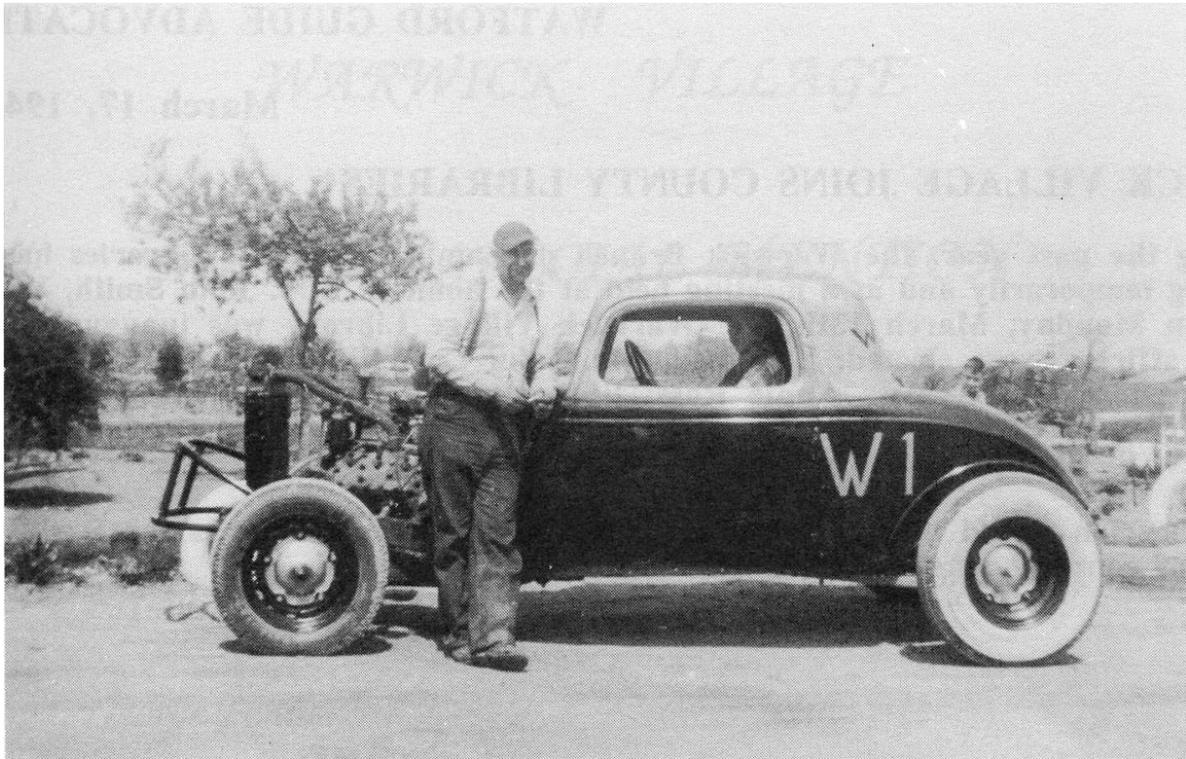
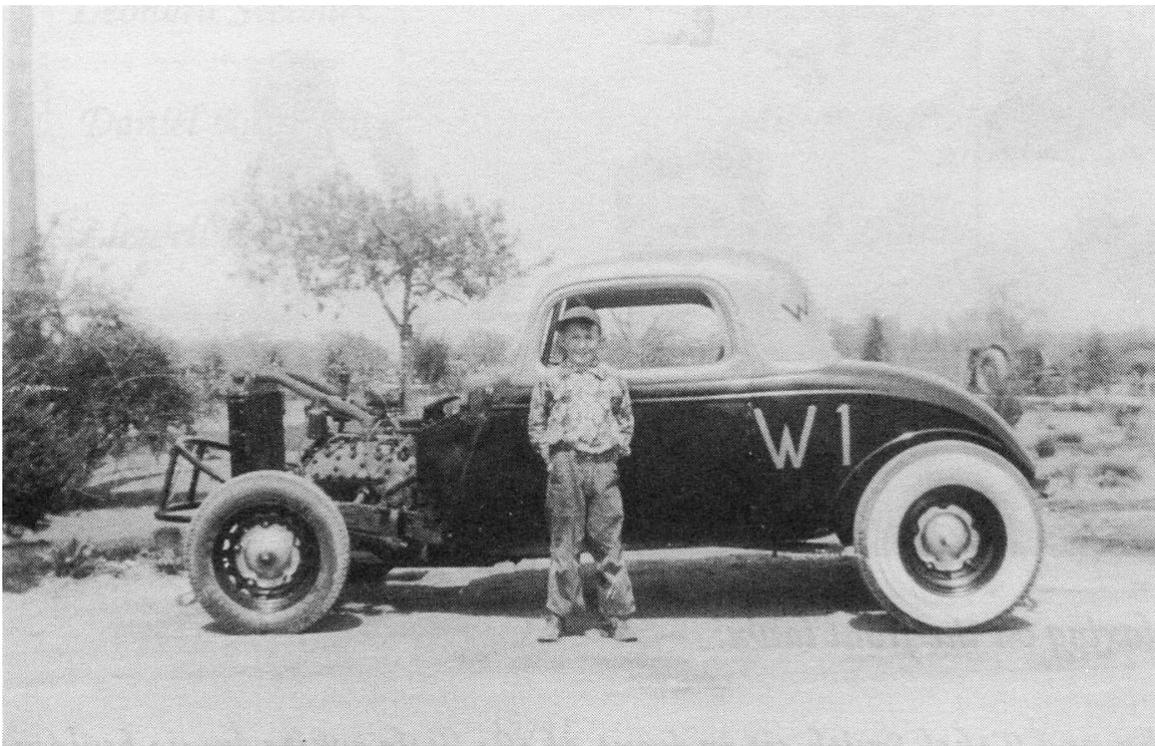


nights of racing, an era which stock-car racing enthusiasts will recall with many nostalgic memories.

Incidentally, on opening night, May 31, 1952, the Raceway attracted more people than ever attended a sporting event in this area up to that time or since; more than 8000 fans.



The "W 1" built and raced during the Hey-day of the Warwick Raceway. Shown here standing in front is Lloyd Smith with "Tooley" Smith in the driver's seat.



A youthful racing enthusiast shown here with "W 1" is "Jim", Lloyd's son. At age 32, James Lloyd Smith died in a racing accident in Michigan, June 16, 1978.

WARWICK VILLAGE JOINS COUNTY LIBRARIES

During the past year, the Warwick Branch of Lambton County Libraries has been functioning temporarily and at a meeting held at the home of Mrs. John Smith, Warwick Village, on Monday, March 13th, the Warwick Village Library was inaugurated. The following officers were elected: president, Mr. John C. Wilkinson; vice-president, Rev. H. F. Cross; secretary, Miss Annie Ross; librarian and treasurer, Mrs. John Smith; auditors, Mrs. Wilfred Smith, Mrs. Ira Falloon; purchasing committee, Mrs. John Smith, Rev. S. Phillips and Miss Dorothy Wordsworth.

The librarian would like all books returned before March 28th, as there will be an exchange of county books on that date.



Relaxing on the front lawn: John and Ethel Smith sit in front of the little white frame building that served as the Warwick Village Library; Ethel was the Librarian for the area.

WARWICK VILLAGE
MEN OF SPECIAL MENTION

Joseph Russell Little

Robert McKenzie

Alfred Norton Cox

John G. O'Dell

George Fenner

James Menery

John Long

James Dolan

Leonard Stewart

James Coughlin

Daniel Rattigan

Milton Barrett

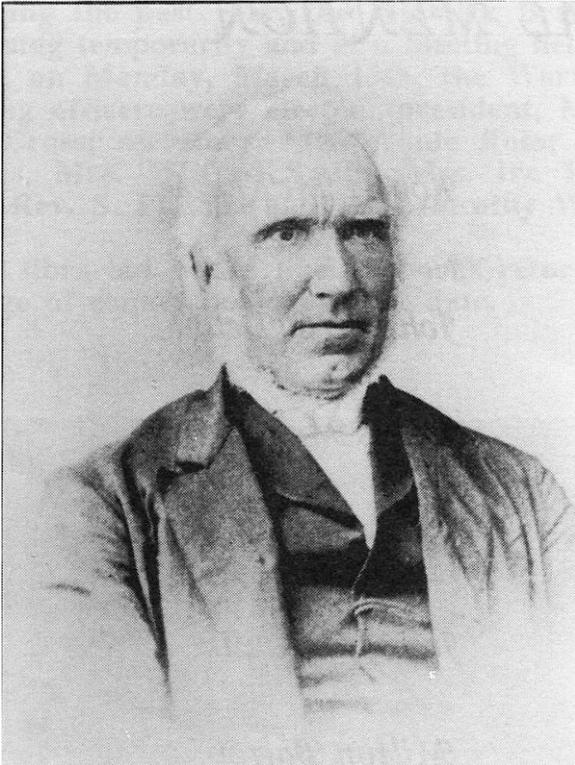
Llewellyn [Lew] Fenner

Frank Dolan

Glen Pembleton

JOSEPH RUSSELL LITTLE

Joseph Little was born in 1812 near Kenagh, County of Longford, Ireland. He came to Warwick Township in 1833 as manager of the Estate of Arthur J. Kingstone, purchased from the recently surveyed Township of Warwick. It included Lots #7, 8 and 9, S.E.R. in Concession 1 and Lots # 7 in Concession 3, S.E.R., immediately adjacent to the west and south of Warwick Village, approximately 1600 acres in all.



[Inscription on the Monument]

In Memory of

JOSEPH LITTLE

BORN IN

LONGFORD COUNTY, IRELAND

October 28th, 1812;

Died in missionary work in connection
with the Methodist Church in Canada
on the Island of Anticosti

January 6th, 1880

His remains were removed here, and
this monument erected by his
numerous friends

"He rests from his labours and his works do follow him"

Joseph Little "converted publicly to Methodism at the age of 19." He was in the bright side of Life with the Methodist Church. He thought there were too many sad and dreary Christians. To Joe, the Sabbath was the Lord's Day of rest for Christian Living and Service. Some of his adherents believed in Sunday School as a very important part of the education of children and that no collections should be taken up at Sunday Services.

There are stories told about "Uncle" Joe and his faithful servant Toby, the chunky black Indian Pony. Joe used Toby to illustrate his views on strong drink. Toby refused the stuff when offered by Joe, proof that it wasn't fit for man nor beast. Because Joe stopped whenever he met someone, Toby soon learned to stop automatically and Joe would say that Toby knew the sinners. Little's generosity and charity were limitless, Once, on a very cold day when he was driving his team, he met a man who was walking in the snow. Joe noticed the man's boots had holes in them. Joe stopped the team, pulled off his boots and gave them to the man. He wrapped his own feet in a horse blanket and continued on his way.

On another occasion, on a cold morning, he met a man whose clothes were worn and whose boots had seen better days. He was hauling a bag of grain on a sled made from a crotched limb by a yoke of steers to the nearby mill. When Joe questioned the man why he had come out on a day like it was, the man replied that the clothing and shoes were all he had and that his wife and children had no bread to eat for days and he had secured the grain by working on the previous day. Joe and the man traded clothing. Joe seemed always to know he would be looked after at the next stop which was never too far away. Another day, Joe took a load of wheat [20 bushels] to London for a farmer to get it ground into flour. On his way home, Joe gave the flour to hungry people along the way. Needless to say, the farmer was really peeved at Joe. Joe seemed to read things as they were and asked the farmer if he intended to sell the flour. The farmer replied, "Probably so," Joe reached into his pocket, took out his wallet and paid the farmer who forgave Joe but Joe never got another job driving a load of wheat to London.

In the words of Rev. Leonard Bartlett: "His life's work was a shining example of an instance in which the Commandment of Christ to leave all things and follow him was literally fulfilled." In 1844, Joe Little lost his job with the Kingstone Estate despite Joe being a hard worker and trustworthy but the Estate had been losing money for eleven years. Mr. Kingstone sympathized with Joe and gave him a 200 acre farm [which could not be sold] to provide him with a home and food or as an income. Shortly after, Joe was hired by Warwick Township as a Tax Collector. In about three years, the Township had to seize Joe's property and have it sold by auction by the Bailiff of Kent-Essex. [Warwick was part of Kent-Essex with the County Buildings located at Amherstburg]. On the date of the sale, Joe was accompanied by his moneyed Friend. It would appear as though some wheeling and dealing took place between them, Joe, the Judge and the Bailiff. Joe consulted the Judge, but in any event, the moneyed Friend was to buy Joe's farm for the price of Joe's debt to Warwick Township. The sale proceeded and the moneyed Friend bought the farm for \$800.00. I have never learned who the moneyed Friend was??

Joe fared no better in his next job as a school teacher. The school was located on Lot 9, Concession 3, S.E.R., now owned by William [Bill] Jones. Joe was living at Mr. J.B. Shaw's home on Lot 10, Concession 3, S.E.R., so Joe was within walking distance of his work. Joe taught school by day and preached by night in the homes of the people. The pupils loved him but his pulpit work interfered. Joe decided to take a job as agent for the Religious Tract Society but again, Joe's generosity got the best of him. Joe had no money to buy a new supply of books.

In his early days, Joe preached all over Lambton County as well as parts of Middlesex. In 1833, he helped establish the Irwin Church in the Township of Sarnia. In 1834, he was clerk for the Rev. Radcliffe's Episcopalian [Anglican] Church in Warwick. He preached regularly in homes or barns, two or three services on Sunday and three or four during the week. In 1851, records show that Joe was a trustee in Pine Ridge Church in Plympton and a trustee in a newly-formed circuit in Warwick. His salary was 8 bushels of oats. Joe Little's name appears in many other church histories as preacher, steward or even as a member of the building committee.

In 1861, Little's Church was built in North Plympton Township, Lambton County. Although the church closed about 1890, there is a cairn, still, indicating the location of the site of the burial ground, although the church named after Joe is long gone.

There are few pictures in existence of Uncle Joe Little. Joe believed in the Commandment "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image." In the pictures which exist today, the image doesn't fit the description of him. He has been described as nimble of foot with a solid, compact body. He had very striking features and a face that always wore a happy and peaceful expression which lit up with a joyful smile in which there was no evil.

By 1871, Uncle Joe Little felt his work in South-western Ontario to be completed. He preferred to work in areas where Religion was not yet organized. He became a preacher on the Garafraxa Circuit in the County of Wellington. He assisted in building the first Methodist Church in Grand Valley in Dufferin County. He then headed to the Pembroke District to preach to the Lumbermen in the Mattawa area. He continued on to the Westmeath Circuit in Renfrew County. In ten months, he preached 166 times, held four protracted meetings and 800 pastoral meetings. He continued to move easterly.

In 1874, Little was invited to speak to the Professors and Students in James Ferrier Hall, Wesleyan Methodist Theological College, Montreal. During the Kingston Conference in June of 1879, Joe Little volunteered for the Fox Bay Mission, Anticosti Island where there were 150 Wesleyan Methodists with no access to religious services.

By this time, he was sick with ague, malarial fever, chills and rheumatism, never having recovered from a fall off his horse in 1871. Joe Little was sick most of his stay on Anticosti Island, but he continued preaching whenever he was able for he was very much appreciated by those people of the Fox Bay Mission.

After several days of severe suffering, Joseph Russell Little passed away on January 6th, 1880. When the people of Warwick heard of Joe's death, they organized the Joseph Little Memorial Fund to have his remains exhumed and brought back to his Warwick Village "Home". Although no one was allowed to contribute more than \$1.00, enough money was raised throughout the township to purchase a zinc container "Coffin" and ship his body to Montreal by boat and then by rail to Watford. The remainder of the money was used to erect a marble monument surrounded by a low "Iron Fence" to mark his grave in the Warwick Methodist Cemetery, the present United Church Cemetery, 9 sideroad, at Warwick Village. The afore-mentioned fence disappeared in the 1930's.

Joseph Russell Little was buried on a cold and stormy Friday in November 1880. The funeral procession was the longest ever to be seen from Watford to Warwick, a distance of 7 miles. Some of the pioneers have said that when the hearse [horse drawn] and the horses and carriages reached Warwick Village, the last one of the rigs was just leaving the outskirts of Watford. The Service was held in the 27th Regiment Militia Drill shed in Warwick Village which had been pre-heated because of the cold weather. Nine ministers and four friends took part in the Funeral Service. It ended with Uncle Joe's favourite hymn "Shall We Gather by the River". Joe Little is still remembered in Church Histories that always make a special reference to Uncle Joe as a Friend and Helper to everyone and a Lay Preacher of great influence. Few people knew or cared that he was not an Ordained Minister; he was welcomed into the homes of all Creeds and Races.

The Life and Work of Joseph Russell Little ["Uncle Joe"] was commemorated by the Province of

Ontario with the unveiling of an Historical Plaque on June 20, 1993 on 9 sideroad half way between the United Church Cemetery and Warwick Village.

THE GUIDE NEWS, WATFORD, SEPTEMBER 15, 1882

THE "LITTLE" MEMORIAL FUND

The following persons subscribed to the above fund the sum of one dollar:--

Acton	William	Clark	W.B.	Harper	Thomas
Acton	James	Clark	F.	Harris	A.G.
Adams	Joshua	Clark	Daniel	Harrison	F. L .
Alexander	A.	Collier	William	Harvey	Dr.
Allingham	Andrew	Coom	Benjamin	Haskins	Mrs B.
Anderson	John	Cornell	William M.	Healey	Thomas B.
Anderson	James	Cox	Andy	Hodgins	Ada
Anderson	John	Cox	Mrs Mary A.	Holing	John
Anderson	Robert	Dewar	Alex	Hossie	David
Anderson	Peter	Dewar	Archibald	Hume	J.H.
Archer	E.	Dill	M.R., Petrolia	Hume	Alex
Armstong	James	Dolan	Thomas	Hume	Robert M.
Armstrong	W. H.	Donald	Archibald	Hume	Arthur
Auld	Mrs John	Duncan	Allan	Hume	William
Auld	Robert	Eccles	John D.	Humphries	John
Auld	William	Eccles	J.D. Jr.	Janes	William
Baird	G.H.	Edwards	Susan	Jardine	Robert
Baker	Mrs H.O	Edwards	Thomas	Johnston	A.
Barber	Mrs J.W.	Edwards	Rev W.W.	Johnston	Charles R.
Bartley	John	Elliot	J.F., Sarnia	Jones	E. A.
Bayley	W. Z.	Ellison	Joseph	Jones	Thomas
Beacom	William	Evans	Maurice	Kaegen	D.
Bell	G. Plympton	Everest	G. M.	Keady	Thomas
Bennett	W.F.	Fleck	R.	Kenward	Franklin
Bentley	Mrs B.	Fleming	William	Kerfoot	William
Bowes	Mrs	Flintoft	J.	Kerr	Henry
Bowes	C.	Ford	William H.H.	Kingston	Peter
Brell	Thomas	Forker	James	Kingston	William H.
Brown	Mrs	Fraser	Rev C.M.	Kingstone	Charles J.
Bryce	Robert	Fuller	John	Kingstone	A.J.
Burr	Reuben N.	Fuller	George	Kingstone	A.J. Sr.
Buttery	William J.	Gault	Robert	Knight	Henry
Campbell	Robert	Gerrett	John	Laird	Mrs Alex
Campbell	R. P.	Gillatley	John	Lambert	Levi
Campbell	T.M.	Gove	Mr	Lampman	Charles
Campbell	Duncan	Graham	Peter	Laws	Thomas B.
Campbell	Bros.	Griffith	James	Leach	William
Campbell	John	Gurd	R.S.	Lett	Robert
Campbell	Edward	Hagle	Luke	Lett	John
Caughlin	William	Hagle	Miles	Lett	James
Caughlin	James	Hall	Joseph	Luckham	William
Clark	John	Hardie	Rev D.	Mains	Henry

McAlpine	Andrew	Rogers	William	Tompkins	Elisha
McCormack	Robert	Rogers	David	Tripp	Newton
McCormick	Samuel	Ross	D.	Utter	Jacob
McCormick	William	Rowland	Edward	Vance	Henry
McCormick	Matthew	Sanders	C.	Ward	William
McDonald	Mrs B.	Scott	Thomas R.K.	Ward	Catherine
McDonald	Angus	Scott	S.T.	Watson	John
McDougall	John	Shannon	William	Watson	William
McGarvey	Albert	Shaw	William	Watt	David
McGillicuddy	E.	Shaw	Hannah	Waugh	Henry
McGregor	Alex	Shaw	William George	Wellington	Henry
McIllmurray	John	Shaw	Mrs William	Williams	David
McIllmurray	James	Shaw	John J.	Williams	Joseph
McIntyre	Alex	Shaw	William J.	Williams	Mrs John
McKenzie	Charles	Shaw	James E.	Williston	Rev J.K.
McKenzie	D.	Shaw	Kate	Wilson	John
McLaren	W.P.	Shaw	Mrs J.B.	Wynne	John
McLeay	Murdo	Shaw	J.B.		
McLeay	Robert B.	Shaw	John H.		
McLelland	John	Shaw	Sara		
McMannis	Mrs J.	Shaw	Mary H.		
McPherson	Joseph	Shepherd	Samuel		
McPherson	John	Shepherd	Thomas		
McPherson	Giles	Shepherd	Mrs M.		
McPherson	William	Shepherd	Miss A.		
McRorie	William	Shepherd	S. Sr.		
Menery	Albert	Shepherd	Rachael		
Minielly	?	Shepherd	L.C.		
Minielly	Andrew	Shepherd	James		
Mitchell	Robert	Shepherd	John		
Moody	Robert	Shepherd	George		
Morris	T.G.	Shepherd	J.C.		
Morris	Joseph	Shepherd	William		
Morris	Vaughn	Shepherd	James Sr.		
Morris	William	Shirley	George		
Morris	Mrs T.G.	Simpson	J.		
Morris	Mrs H.	Smith	James A.		
Morris	Mrs. R.	Smith	James		
Murray	W.H.	Smith	James		
Mustard	H.	Smith	John		
Nash	H. J., M.D.	Smith	William		
Paimns	John	Smith	Charles		
Palmer	R.C.	Smith	Jacob		
Pardee	T.B.	Stanley	Dr.		
Proctor	M.B.	Stillwell	George		
Proctor	E.M.	Sullivan	John		
Prout	John	Sutton	William		
Rawlings	A. Tanner	John			
Reaney	Daniel	Tanner	James		
Reaney	Mrs D.	Thompson	William Sr.		
Reycraft	John	Thompson	Ebenezar		
Richmond	Benjamin	Thompson	J.B.		
Roach	John	Thornton	James		
Roger	Jacob	Tinkler	William		

The following persons subscribed to the fund the sum of fifty cents:--

Acton	Richard	Fowler	T.	McGregor	John
Aikens	Robert	Gavigan	Mrs	McIntyre	D .
Alexander	A.	Gurse	P.D.	McKenzie	William
Allingham	John	Hamilton	Archie	McKenzie	Alex
Anderson	Donald	Harrower	Andrew	McLachlin	A .
Anderson	Alex	Harvey	Rosey	McLean	Mrs. George
Bailey	Robert	Hay	Eliza	McLean	Malcolm
Baley	James F.	Hayne	Mr	McNaughton	James
Barnes	S.D.	Heal	Robert	McRorie	Daniel
Barron	Henry	Herbert	Robert	Meadows	S .
Beacom	George	Hillis	John	Miller	G.
Bennest	A. F.	Hoskin	I	Minielly	John
Bishop	George Sr.	Hoskins	I	Moody	William
Blunden	A. E.	Howden	Noble	Moore	Richard
Bodaly	Thomas	Hume	James	Morgan	Robert
Booth	Henry	Hume	Robert	Morgan	J.
Brush	Mrs	Hume	James	Morris	William
Burney	J.	Hume	William	Morris	Thomas
Calborn	Duncan	Hume	Joseph	Morrison	John
Callum	John	Humphries	William	Neal	Benjamin
Callum	D.	Jariott	James	Orme	T. H.
Cameron	Mrs Alex	Johnston	G. A.	O'Brien	J.D.
Campbell	Humphrey	Johnston	D. S .	Parker	Ann
Campbell	Malcolm	Jones	William	Parker	Edward
Carter	W.E.	Jones	George	Phillips	Alfred
Caughlin	Michael	Kelly	Captain William	Pollock	J. C.
Caughlin	John	Kenny	Randall	Proctor	George A.
Clark	Mrs Thomas	Kenny	James R.	Prout	Mrs J.
Clement	John J.	King	John	Rae	Mrs Robert
Climie	L.	Lambert	John	Reaney	Charles
Collins	W. B.	Lambert	W.H.	Robertson	Edward
Cox	Richard	Lambert	James	Robertson	William
Cox	Alfred	Laws	Mrs William B.	Robinson	T.
Craig	John	Leacock	Mrs William Jr.	Robinson	William
Currie	Alexander	Lenham	James Jr.	Rogers	Bros.
Dale	John B.	LeSeuer	R. E.	Rogers	William
Dewer	Alex Jr.	Lucas	John	Ross	David M.
Dewer	John	Lucas	George	Ross	John
Dewer	George	Lucas	Andrew	Saunders	El isha
Dickey	R.R.	Lucas	George	Simpson	W. G.
Dodds	James	Lucas	Mrs John	Sitlington	Henry
Dodge	William	Maidment	William	Smith	William
Duncan	William	Mason	John	Smith	D .
Eccles	D.	Massenda	William	Southorn	Thomas
English	W.J.	Maxwell	R.	Sproule	William
Fenner	George	McAusland	Robert	Stanley	M.
Fero	Jesse	McCallum	W. W.	Storey	William
Fl in	Richard	McConnell	Thomas	Sykes	John
Ford	Mrs	McCormick	John	Symington	J.D.

T.G.
 Talbun
 Taylor
 Thompson
 Tilley
 Tuck
 Vahey
 Vance
 Weir
 Wilford
 Williamson
 Williamson
 Willoughby
 Wray
 Wray
 Wray
 Wynne

Donald
 Peter
 William Jr.
 John
 Mary
 H.D.
 Robert
 Mrs
 G.
 David
 Richard
 Thomas
 George
 William
 Mrs John
 Robert

The following persons subscribed to
 the fund the sum of twenty-five cents.

A Friend		Kenning	Robert
A Friend		Kirk	James
A Friend		Lapire	Peter
Aiken	Mrs.	Leckie	John
Alexander	William	Lowry	Mrs
Beatty	James	Maidment	Charles
Boyle	William	Mason	J.
Bryce	Hugh	Maxwell	William
Bryce	William	McDonald	D.
Bryce	John H.	McKellar	Peter
Bryce	John	McLaren	Mrs L.
Bulma	Thomas	McLean	James
Burgar	W.K.	McLennon	Donald
Calvert	David	Millen	R.
Campbell	D.	Milliken	D.
Capes	James	Mills	Silas
Carrick	William	Neal	Robert
Carscaden	W.R.	Overton	John G.
Carscaden	D.	Pollock	Mrs
Carter	R.	Prout	R.
Cash		Purvis	David
Connell	John M.	Raigle	B.T.
Connell	C.D.	Revington	J.
Cooley	L.	Rincy	James
Coulter	Moore	Robertson	William
Couse	Joseph	Ross	N.J.
Crosbie	Richard	Said	Mrs
Davidson	John	Scouler	Benjamin Sr.
Dawson	H.	Smith	William J.
Dolan	G.	Smith	F.
Drader	J.	Spaulding	John
East	Dr.	Stewart	W.F.
Elliott	Mrs F.	Sutton	Samuel
Elliott	H.	Thexton	Robert
Equil	G.	Thomas	Mrs
Faulkner	Robert	Thomson	James
Font	Mrs	Tool	Mrs
Garrett	James	Tripp	Hanson
Gavigan	Thomas	Trusler	P.
Gilroy	Wesley	Tully	James
Glendenning	Miss	W. L.	
Gustin	Mr	Watt	Thompson
Hamilton	J	Weedmark	William
Harrower	Andrew Jr.	Westgate	Mrs M.
Hawkins	James	Wheatley	T.C.
Hillis	Thomas	Whiffen	Miss
Hoskins	William	Williamson	John

J. G.		Williamson	John
Jates	William	Williamson	John Jr.
Jay	E.	Williamson	Mrs David
Johnston	S.	Williamson	Charles
Jones	James	Williamson	James
Kennedy	Joseph		

Henry Shaw and Family [Montreal]	\$6.75
James Shaw and Family	\$5.00
Rev. Maxwell and Family	\$4.00

Bailey	Robert G.	.75
McKenzie	Hugh	.60
Clark	John	.90
Alexander	David	.40
Morgan	James	.20
Harrower	Mrs J.	.20,
Campbell	H.	.20

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer and Sub-Treasurer's account of the monies collected and disbursements on account of the "Joseph Russell Little Memorial Fund":--

Collected by:	
Robert Anderson	\$26.50
William Leach	4.50
Robert Mitchell	13.00
Henry Waugh	21.75
Thomas G. Morris	6.00
Peter Kingston	26.65
Thomas Edwards	26.40
James Smith, D.R.	20.25
Henry Wellington	12.50
Robert Hume	6.50
J.H. Hume	11.75
W.H. Armstrong	11.00
George Everest	2.00
Henry Vance	9.00
Allan Duncan	4.00
Mrs Henry Morris	19.45
William Shaw	64.60
John Prout	3.00
Benjamin Richmond	9.50
James Shepherd	20.00
Andrew Allingham	32.65
George Bell p'd S. Shepherd	3.50
Henry Shaw & Family Mont'l	6.75
J.D.Eccles	13.25
Arthur Hume	4.00
 Total	 \$378.50

DISBURSMENTS

By Remitted Rev J.G. Bricks to pay for coffin and charges to Montreal for Corpse	\$43.50
By Remitted H.J. Shaw, Montreal, to pay express charges of corpse to Watford	\$34.30
By Paid H. Cook for hearse, &c.,	\$9.00
By Paid Robert Moody for Monument	\$185.00
By Paid for digging grave	\$1.00
By Lighting fire day of funeral	\$1.00
By Hobbs, London, iron railing for fence.	\$48.25
By Paid express charges on railing	\$2.00
By Paid drayman	15
By Paid Livingstone for erecting iron fence stone for posts.\$25.00	
By Paid telegrams Henry Shaw Montreal	\$6.75
By Paid Collectors books and postage	\$1.50
By Paid advertising in two papers statement of accounts	\$20.15
	\$378.50

We, the undersigned have examined the various pass books of collectors, and accounts, of the "Little Fund", now in the hands of the Treasurer, find that the sum of \$378.50 has been collected and accounted for as shown in the above statement.

Signed,
Thomas Doherty
William McLeay, Auditors.

ROBERT McKENZIE--BUILDER



Robt. McKenzie

Robert McKenzie was a carpenter and builder. Some of the houses he built were: his own home, the present home of Lyle and Penny Bryce, the present home of John and Jane Esselment, originally the Alfred Cox home, the home of Murray and Sandy Ferguson built for Robert Auld. The Home of Pete Ferwerda, the front part of which was moved to its present location by Harold Cosens and renovated as a home and place of business combined. It was remodeled as a home only by Walter and Lillian Cleator and Pete Ferwerda, after renovating it once more, uses it as a home only, his cement ornament business in a building just east of the house. Mr. McKenzie lived in this house for a time when it was in its original location, directly behind or south of the Anglican Cemetery. Mr. McKenzie died in February of 1936 at age 85 and is buried in Bethel Cemetery.

ALFRED COX—BLACKSMITH

Mr. Cox came to Warwick in the 1880's to work as an Ironworker in the Humphries Carriage Works. He worked at this trade for several years, but when the demand for horse-drawn vehicles slackened off, he converted to shoeing horses while doing his former trade of ornamental iron work and special tools. He repaired buggies, cutters, sleighs while making various individual needs of farmers and residents of the area. What this man couldn't do with a piece of iron wasn't even worth talking about. Every kid or young fellow had a spear to go fishing with. The spears were fashioned out of forks with partially broken tines, mostly three tine [pitch forks]. Mr. Cox carried on his trade for over 50 years, a man loved by all the people who knew him. Mr. Cox passed away in 1937 with interment in Warwick Anglican Cemetery.

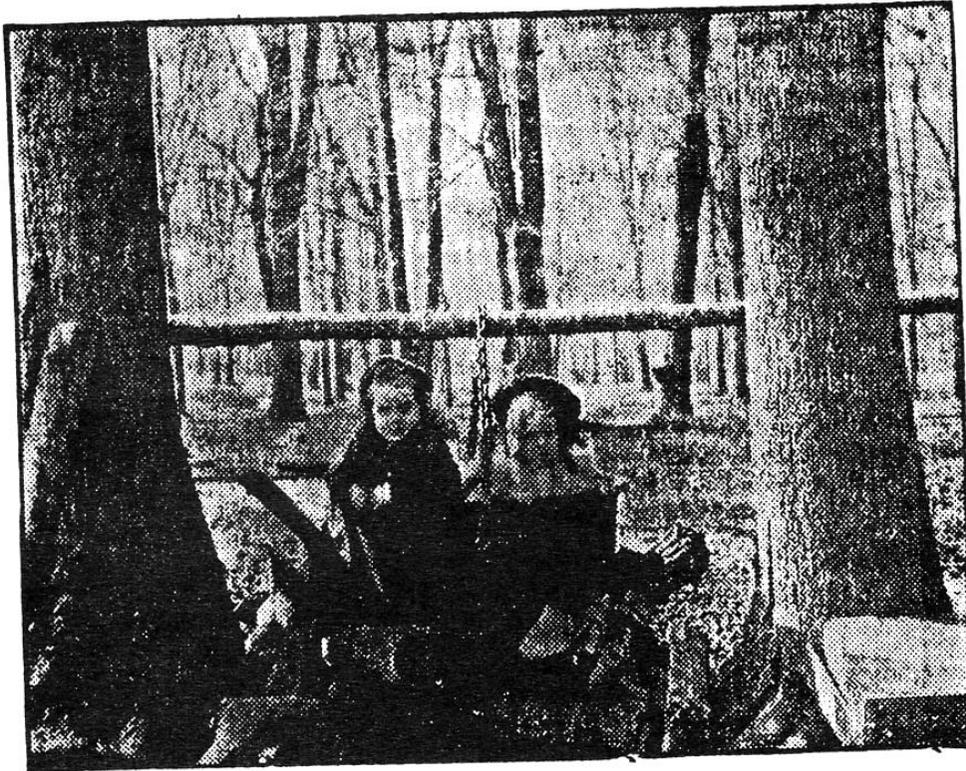
JOHN G. O'DELL—CARPENTER AND SAWER

Mr. O'Dell did most of his work at the Warwick Sawmill where he was head sawer for many years. He also sawed for a short time in the McKay Mill on 9 sideroad and carried on, as well, at carpenter work. At one time, he built and erected wooden windmills which later were replaced with steel. Mr. O'Dell worked many years in the Warwick area, a veteran of the Fenian Raids. Shortly after retiring, due to ill health, Mr. O'Dell died in 1927 aged 69 years. Interment was in the United Church Cemetery, 9 sideroad at Warwick Village.

GEORGE FENNER—FARMER AND "VARIETY STORE" OPERATOR

George Fenner was the owner and operator, during the 1920's, of Gasoline Pumps and a Refreshment Stand, located on the 9 sideroad curve to the front of the property now owned by Cy and Jane Vansteenkiste. He ran this small booth until ill health forced his retirement. His death followed shortly thereafter in 1930.

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SWEET KETTLEFUL.

Scene in the Sugar Bush on the farm of Mr. George Fenner, Warwick.

JAMES MENERY—CLERK AND TREASURER OF WARWICK TOWNSHIP

Mr. James Menery, Clerk of Warwick Township, also served as Treasurer for the Municipality in the mid-1800's. He lived on the north 1/2 of Lot #9, west of 9 sideroad. During Tax Time, he always had a large amount of money stored in his home from the tax monies that had been collected. Burglars broke into his home one year just at tax time when the Menerys were away, stealing all the monies in the house. He had to resort to selling 75 acres of his farm on Lot #9, N.E.R. That is why there were two 37 and 1/2 acre farms on the north side of the Egremont Road, west of 9 sideroad. Jacob Utter, a long time Warwick resident, bought the east portion and my great-grandfather, James Smith, had the west portion. Whether he purchased it from Mr. Menery, I'm not sure, but he lived and farmed there for several years. I have no dates for his residing there at this time. Mr. Menery had the remaining 25 acres to farm. The Menery House and Stable are well remembered.

James Menery had a wife and family of eight: Albert was clerk and store-keeper in Warwick Village, Robert H. was a Blacksmith and Foundry Operator in Brockway Centre, Michigan, Arthur lived at Laurium, Michigan, James in Denver, Colorado, Mrs. James Shaw in Sarnia and John in Yale, Michigan. Julia Ann and Alice remained in Warwick Village and never married.

JOHN LONG: Mr. Long had retired from being a Gold Field Worker in California by the time he came back to Warwick Village and built a home for his sister Ellen and himself in 1906. This is the home that was recently occupied by Ken* and Dorothy Inman.

Mr. Long was an ardent fisherman, catching many of the pike which, at that time, were numerous in Bear Creek. Kenny Inman, who came to Warwick in 1936, had Mr. Long's fishing pole hanging up in the shed for a good number of years. Mr. Long died in 1924, interred in 9 sideroad U.C. Cemetery. He was a veteran of the Fenian Raids.

*Kenny Inman was a nephew of Mr. Long.

JAMES DOLAN: "Jimmy," as he was affectionately called, was a farmer and labourer, a character, well endowed with Irish Wit. Jimmy and his brother, Tommy, planted all the maple trees throughout Warwick Village, [many of which exist today] between 1890 and 1900.

He had a lot of stories and jokes to tell. One of them that I remember him telling was of the time when he was walking through the Methodist Cemetery [at that time] on 9 sideroad, on his way to Warwick Village, he was amazed to see a large ground hog come up from his burrow with Jack [John] Long's collar and tie on.

Mr. Dolan died in Twilight Home for the Aged with interment in Watford R.C. Cemetery.

LEONARD STEWART: Mr. Stewart was a labourer employed for several years with Canadian Cannery when they operated in Forest. In his off hours, [he was a good fiddle player] he and his friend Kate played for many a dance held in the Old Township Hall as well as the House Dances that were part of the social whirl; the popular dances of that time being Square Dances, Waltzes, Fox Trots, 2 Step, Reels and Schottishes. [Don Messer, of television fame, kept this enjoyable music alive from the fifties through the sixties to the eighties] Mr. Stewart retired in 1945 from ill

health and passed away shortly after. He is buried in the Anglican Church Cemetery, Warwick Village.

JAMES COUGHLIN: Mr. Coughlin was a carpenter and labourer who lived in a house that was built on the east side of 9 sideroad across the road from the gateway to the park for camping on property now owned by St. Clair Conservation, east and south of the gateway back from the road a bit--near the southwest bank of the existing lake. The house was sold to James Smith who later sold it to A.W. Dann who moved it onto Lot #13, S.E.R., west of Guy Street. The house has been renovated several times since. Owners of the property include: A.W. Dann, Robert Atkinson, Fred Wynne, Thomas Kelly and at present Terry and Brenda Harper. Mr. Coughlin used to make his way into the Village at least once a week for his mail and groceries.

DANIEL RATTIGAN: Mr. Rattigan lived in a shanty located on the 2nd Line [S.E.R.] Road Allowance, just west of where Orval Clark's home is situated. Mr. Rattigan used to walk from there into the Village for supplies and his mail about once a week. He may have been partially blind.

TWO GRAND OLD MEN OF WARWICK

Watford Guide Advocate February 21, 1936

Warwick Village is particularly blest with a vigorous type of men of the older generation. Two of these deserve special mention, viz. Mr. Alfred Cox of Warwick Village and Mr. Milton Barrett of the Egremont Road. Both these gentlemen are well over the 80 mark and are still running their own show.

Mr. Cox, who was a pioneer blacksmith of Warwick Village and worked at this trade until a year or two ago, lives alone in his beautiful home in Warwick, his wife having died some years ago. His immaculate appearance and cheery countenance would easily pass for a man of fifty. He has been a lifelong member of St. Mary's Anglican Church and takes a lively interest in all the village activities.

Mr. Barrett and his worthy wife live on their farm on the Egremont Road. He is up winter and summer before or soon after the sun, milks his three cows, attends to his horse and hens and it is very rarely he misses a church service in the Knox Presbyterian Church of which he is an elder. This means a drive of nearly four miles with a horse and buggy.

Both these grand old men are worthy examples of clean thinking and righteous living.

LLEWELLYN GEORGE FENNER [1883-1965]: Lew, as he was known by everyone, was born in Warwick and after retiring early from a successful Dental Practice in Detroit, Michigan, returned to the Village about 1930 or 1932 and lived in the home now owned by Pearl and her son Bill Coristine, using this as a vacation home for some time before his retirement. His Mother resided with him. He lived, semi-retired, helping his brother F.J. [Jay] Fenner with his farm work. He traded this home for the Kenward home, owned at that time by John Kirvell, this house being directly in front of the new home [1992] of Martin and Willi VanKessel. He lived in the Kenward House until his death in 1965. [from smoke inhalation] He is buried in the U. C. Cemetery, 9 sideroad. His sister Rebecca [Rebe] who was a secretary, working in Detroit, visited frequently

until Lew's death. When she retired she bought a home in Fort Meyers, Florida, still keeping an interest in her old home village, addressing her letters to Warwick Village [via R.R. # 8, Watford].

FRANK DOLAN: A Warwick General Store Clerk nearly all his life, Frank Dolan was employed in this position by several of the Store's owners including Stewart McDonald, the Janes Brothers and R.B. Janes. When the Store was purchased by L.S. Cook Sr. in 1923, Frank continued his employment with the new owners. He continued working there with the Neumans when the Store was sold to them until ill health forced his retirement. He died in 1973, his wife Annie, in 1983, both interred in Watford R.C. Cemetery. Frank and Annie's children were Francis Henry and Ann Marie.

GLEN PEMBLETON: Glen was a Carpenter and Builder, working at home construction, renovations, additions and general carpentry. He built a home for himself and his wife Olive in 1955, the location, the west side of Guy Street, just north of Highway #7. In 1967, Glen built the Pembleton Apartments on the south side of the Egremont Road, west of Warwick United Church [Lots #16, 17, and 18, S.E.R.] These apartments have been almost fully occupied over the years. The Apartment Complex was sold to Allan and Betty Minielly who renamed the building the "Warwick Apartments" [1986] Allan and Betty continue to operate the complex. In 1969, Glen built the Duplex on the Old Morris Store property north of Highway #7 on the east side of Guy Street, opposite his own home. Most of the foundation of the store and residence was used in the construction of the Duplex. In 1974, Glen and Olive built a new home on the north side of Mereden Street, Lot #9, south of the Anglican Cemetery. Their first home was sold in 1973 to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cole, this home, after the death of Mr. Cole was sold to Mike and Kathy Taylor in 1983. The property was sold to Paul and Denise Clark in 1991 and they and their children still reside there. Sharon does professional dog grooming, but at present is mainly occupied with mothering her two children.

The Duplex was sold to Roger and Susanne Sitlington in 1986, and they lived in the west apartment until 1991 and then the Duplex was sold to Terry Hull. Both apartments are rented at the present time. Glen passed away recently. Olive still lives on Mereden.

WATFORD GUIDE AND ALVINSTON NEWS
September 17, 1880

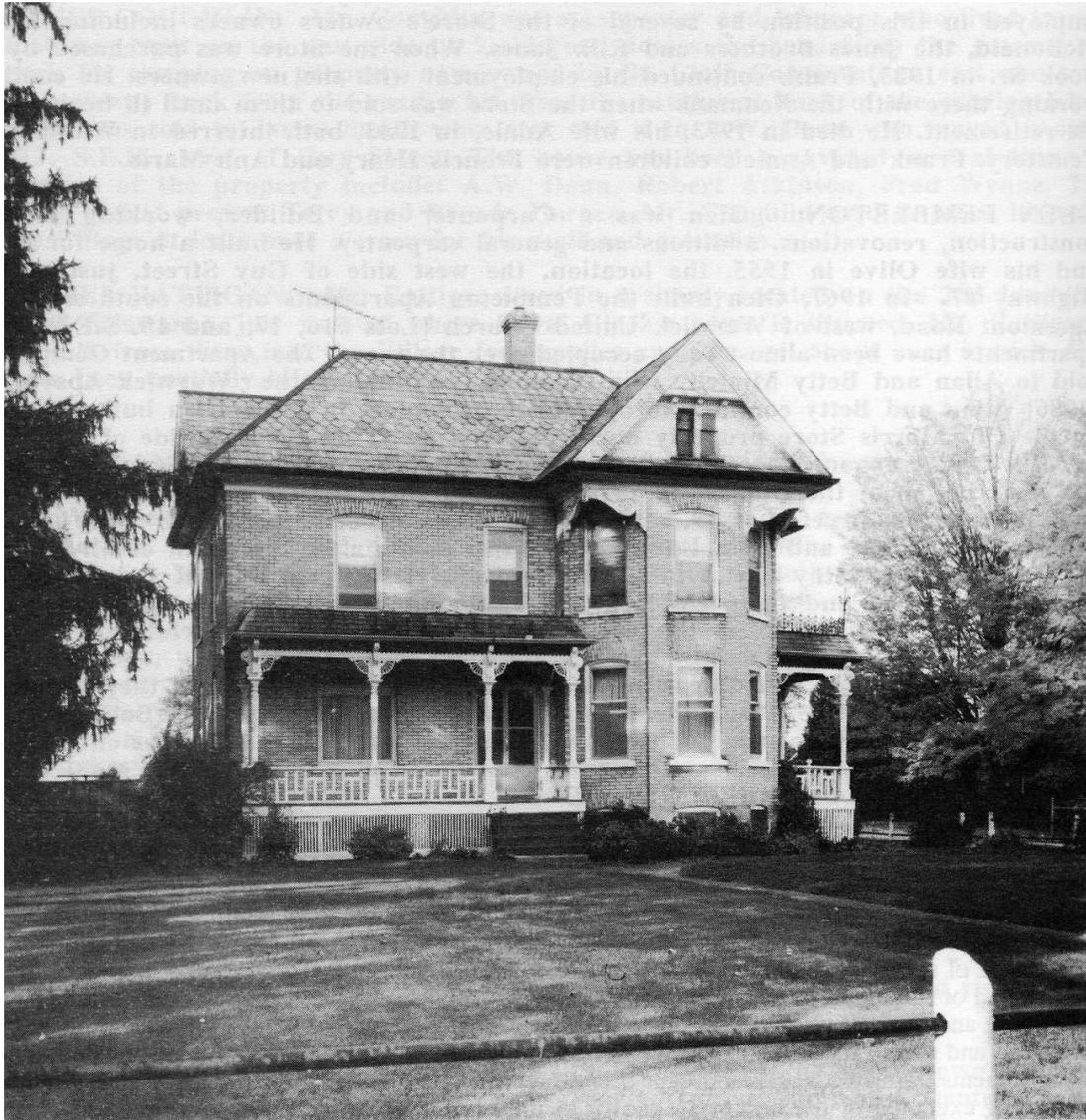
The New [Belden] Illustrated Historical Atlas of the Dominion.---This fine work, after several years of preparation, is at last issued from the press and having examined an advance copy, we are pleased to say that it entirely exceeds our expectations and it will be admitted by all familiar with such matters that it is the most superb work of the kind which has ever been produced in this country. The contents embrace a multitude of subjects including a history of the whole Dominion, by Provinces--a history of Lambton County and of its several municipalities--an immense amount of statistical and other information, both interesting and instructive, a collection of the best executed and most reliable and accurate maps ever published and a very large number of highclass lithographic views and portraits of public and private establishments, farmsteads and landscape scenes, representative public men, pioneer settlers, &c.; every part being executed in the best style known to the printing art. The work as a whole and in every particular, is a most useful and valuable production; and the style in which everything is gotten up--from inception to completion--constitutes an elegant

*ornament to the library as well as an article of intrinsic value.
[...and they say nothing is perfect!]*

WATFORD GUIDE AND ALVINSTON NEWS

July 16, 1880

...traces of the celebration that had taken place the day previous still remained, producing a romantic and picturesque appearance in the Village [Warwick] While there we met several of the good natured villagers, Mr. William Thomas of the "Brick," Mr. Alfred Cox of the firm of Cox and Humphries, Mr. Levi Lambert, proprietor of the saw and grist mill and Mr. J. Charlton of the Maple Grove. As the dusky shades of evening began to hover around, we started on the homeward trip and with the idea that there are worse places in this wilderness of woe than the Village of Warwick.



Village Landmark for a Century: the House that Robert McKenzie Built next to the General Store that He Owned and Operated.

THE HISTORY OF HOMES

IN WARWICK VILLAGE

Old and New

THE EVOLVEMENT OF HOMES

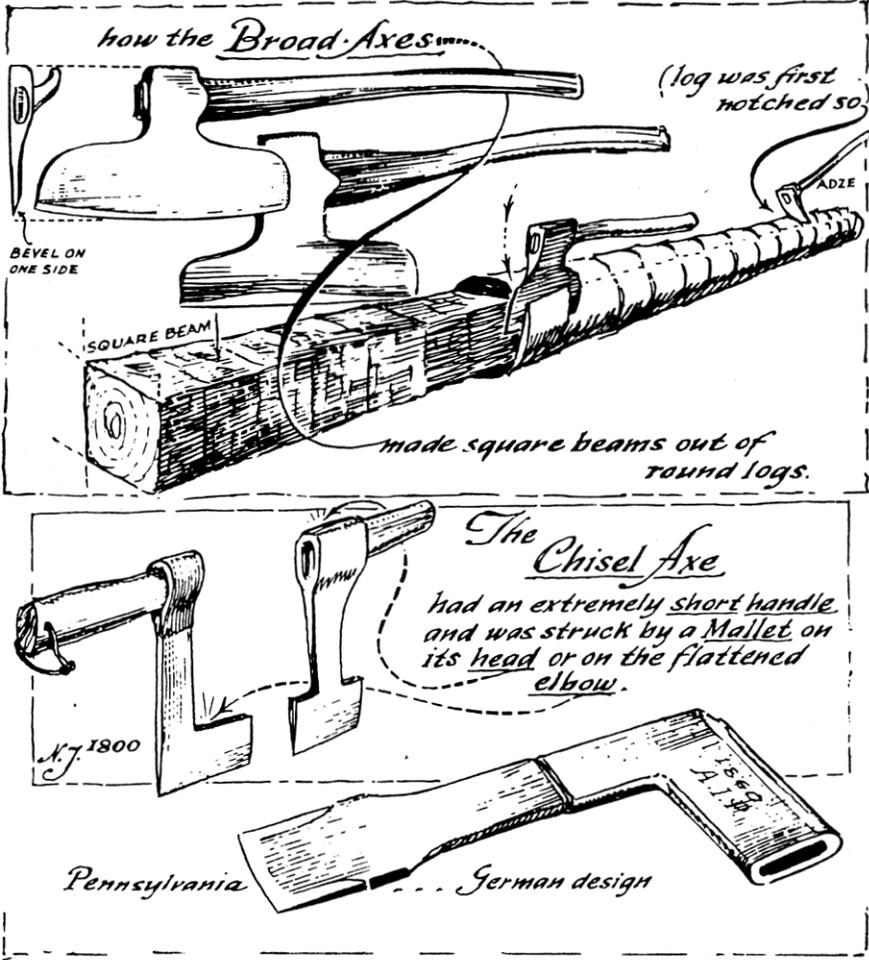
Apart from the first rude shelters which were only temporary, the earliest pioneers made use of what was at that time the most available in the way of materials—trees in the form of logs. Some of these homes of very substantial construction lasted well into the present century. The one pictured here, the home of the Moore family, built on the Egremont Road near the Warwick / Plympton town line, would appear to be one where the very minimum was available at the time it was built. There is one window and one door visible, the frame portion attached to the rear was probably of much later construction. Even the door and particularly the window may have been a somewhat later modification as sawn lumber and certainly glass was not available to the earliest builders and shingles of the quality shown here would not be used originally, the cut would have been much coarser, more like our present day "shakes" and probably done by hand.



Picture, courtesy of Phylis Brayford

By the mid eighteen thirties, when the Maple Grove Hotel was built, [pictured elsewhere] obviously, finer materials such as lap siding must have been available but would have to be brought in. The Maple Grove Hotel and the much later James Burns Store were of adzed and broad-axed squared log frame construction such as that of barns, the floor joists were of logs flattened on one side. The lap siding was fastened [with square hand-cut nails] to inch thick pine boards twenty two to twenty four inches wide [that when sawn have the sweet smell of honey] some of which were probably cut in a pit-saw set up, the tell-tale signs being the adze marks in the case of the beams and of the planks, the last three to four inches being the split off at the ends where the saw didn't reach, both of these features still to be seen in the Old Burns Store.

The following diagrams give some idea of the methods used. I can't give credit for these illustrations and the comment because I don't know where they came from.



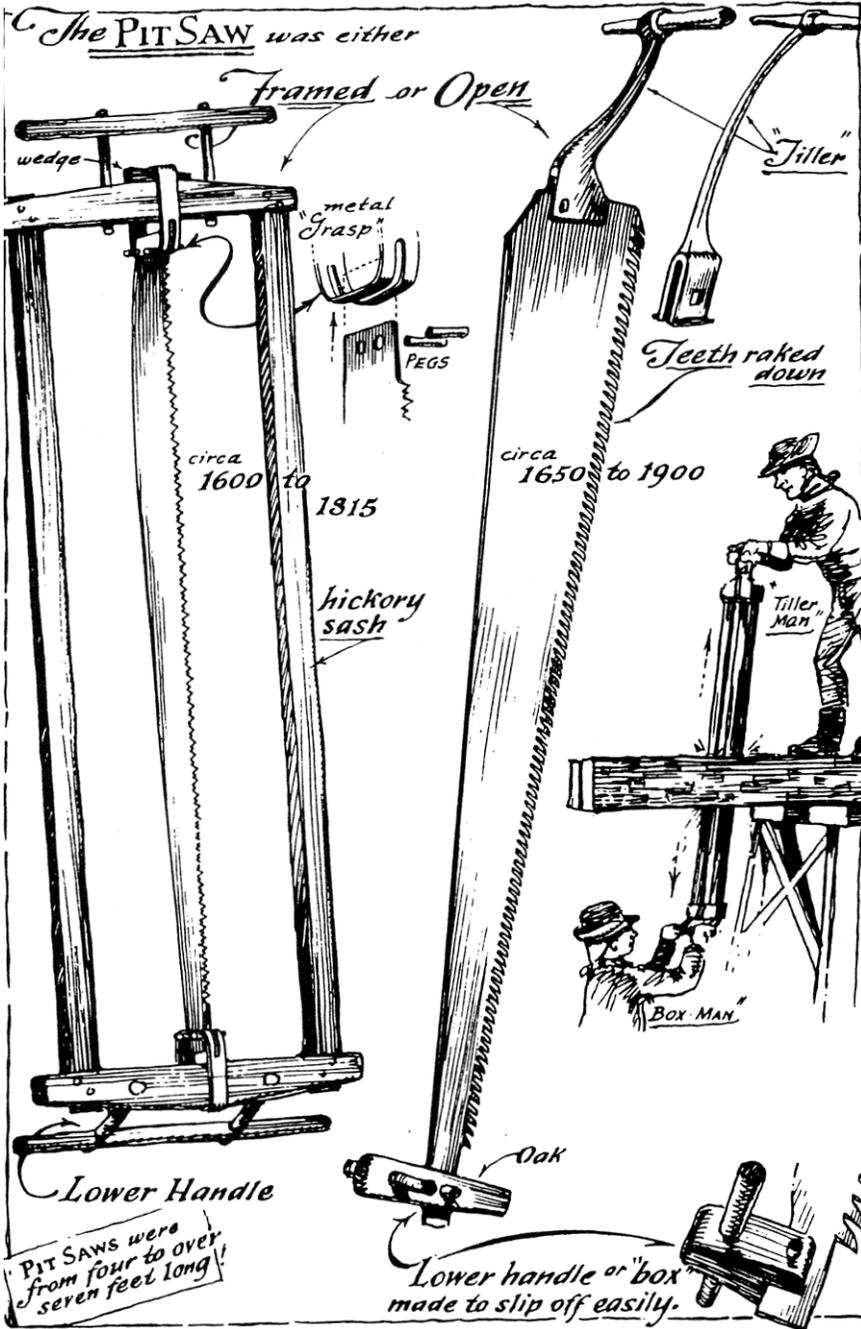
"Any man who was an expert at using a broadaxe [a squaring axe], had usually learned the hard way and had the marks on his legs to show it. For the broadaxe wasn't a thing to cut down trees with, but was a sort of giant plane that chipped away at the round logs to make them square. Its handle was short and its blades were razor sharp; you had to be 'on your toes every second or the broadaxe would.'

"The drawing shows an adze, cutting measured notches while a broadaxe did the actual chopping away, but very often there was no adze used and the whole process was axe work. So most of the 'antique adzed beams' that we see nowadays were never even touched by an adze; they were broadaxed instead.

When it came to mortices and tenons [the interlocking units that joined timbers together], a combination axe and chisel was used [as the drawing shows]. Almost none of these tools is left, as they were replaced in the early 1800's by the straight chisel.

"In those days, big square beams were either broadaxed from round logs or they were sawed into a square shape with a pit saw. Either the log being sawed was propped up so one of the sawers could get under it, or the log was shoved across a pit. In either case, the man on top had the more desirable job, for the man beneath was showered with sawdust at every stroke of the pit-saw. All the first sawmills were 'up and down sawmill's and the saw was like the framed pit-saw shown in the drawing; the frame slid up and down just as a window sash does in its framing. In fact, the saw was held in a 'sash' and it slid up and down in a 'frame', and with little doubt, our modern window was designed from the old up-and-down sawmill's sash and frame."

Some of these operations may not have been used here since it would appear the work methods spoken of were from the U.S. Pennsylvania area which was colonized at a much earlier date than ours but there is a possibility, since there were United Empire Loyalists who came to Canada from there.



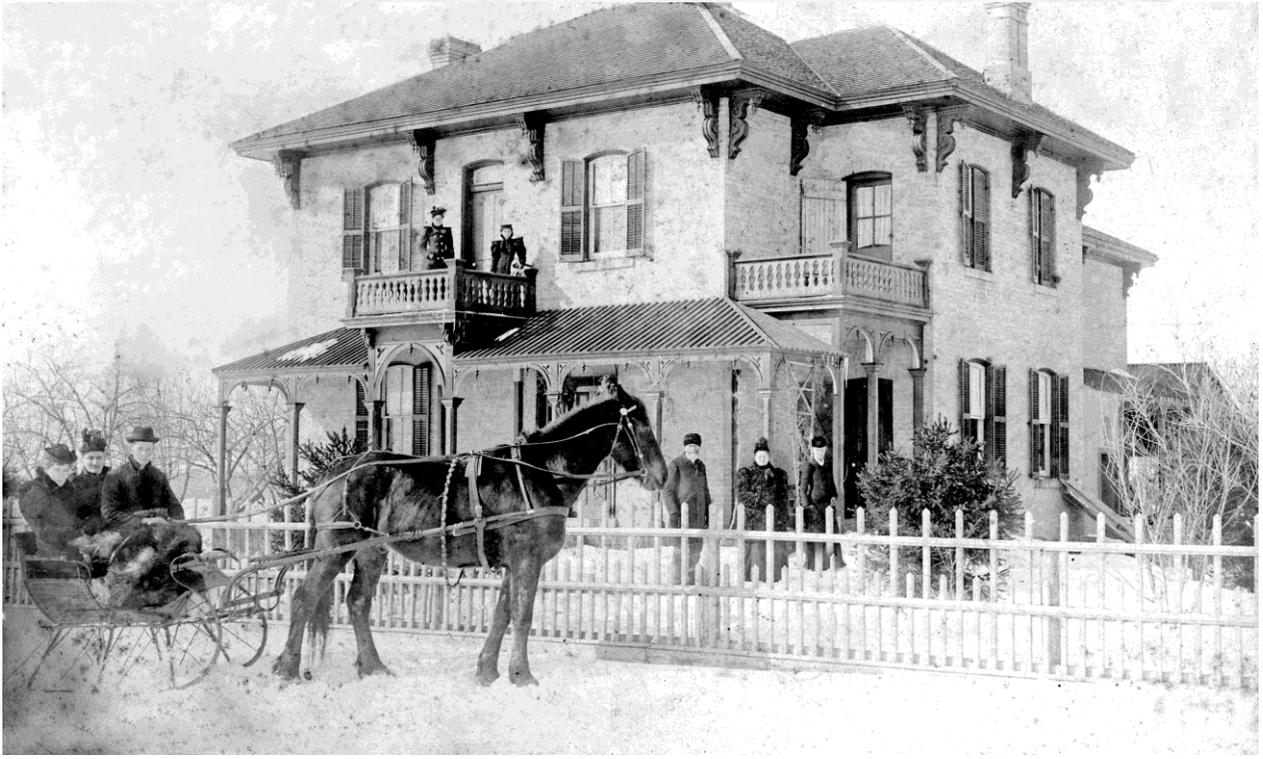
The house pictured below may very well have been a "second generation" form of house construction. It is one built by the Ross family and stood on the present day farm of Harold Cooper and when this photograph was taken, sometime before 1915, belonged to Benjamin and Sarah J. [Bright] Williamson. Sarah is pictured here.



Picture, courtesy of Helen Ross

The cheapness and proximity of first the Auld and Janes and then later, the McCormick Brick Yards made possible the more sturdy construction of solid brick walls, not just veneer. The walls began in the basement with four or five rows as foundation, reduced to possibly three in the first floor and then two rows thick in the second level. Many of these homes such as the one illustrated on the next page, built by the Ross family as well, and still existing, followed an "Italianate" design that necessitated fine woodworking such as shutters and elaborate turning for spindles and brackets, although there certainly is some indication of this trend in the much older home illustrated above. As prosperity came to the township in the years following those difficult pioneer times that must have generated the desire for a more luxurious, spacious and comfortable home as soon as it became possible financially, much larger and more elaborate homes were built and in the instance of the more recent Ross home, built in 1882, the trend continued indoors with wide door and window casings and in the case of this home, a circular staircase gracing the front hall entrance, an embellishment which at that time must have generated some awed comment and still may very well be the only one in the township, certainly of this vintage.

The "Italianate" Ross Family Home North of the Egremont Road



Familiar Figures at the Turn of the Century around Warwick Village and the Township, Thomas, Nicholas and William H. Luckham in front of the Ross Home.

Photographs, courtesy of Helen Ross



HOMES AND THEIR LOCATION

THE HOME OF GORDON AND FRIEDA WILKINSON Arnold and Margaret Ford
[7092 London Line]

The present home of Arnold and Margaret [Ferguson] Ford, located on the southerly part of the west half of Lot 11, north of the Egremont Road was built in 1964 for Gordon and Frieda Wilkinson by Bruce Sharp, Carpenter and Builder in Watford. The building site was located on the knoll area towards the back of the property with the driveway along the west side of the lot next to the Warwick General Store. A large pond was excavated out in front of the house, graded up to the bank at the driveway and out to Highway #7 property with a dike to the east side. The north end of the pond was landscaped out with a stone breakwater along the northerly bank. This adds appreciably to the appearance of the house with its reflection in the pool.

Arnold and Margaret keep the lawns mowed in the summer, extending their mowing to the remainder, mostly a portion of the Bear Creek Flats. Arnold and Margaret purchased the home and property from Gordon and Frieda Wilkinson in 1973 and they have lived there since that time.

Arnold and Margaret have a family of three: David, a lawyer, living in Aurora, Peter, a doctor in Ancaster and Evelyn, Mrs. Paul Southen, living in Owen Sound.

Arnold and Margaret have recently sold their home. Arnold hasn't been well for some time now and the upkeep of a large area is more than can be done comfortably without a considerable amount of help.

The new residents are Karen and Terry Colborne and their daughter who will be attending Warwick Central School in the fall term. [1994]

THE ROBERT McKENZIE HOME
[7078 London Line]

Lyle and Penny Bryce

Presently the home of Lyle and Penny [Thomas] Bryce, the house is located well to the back of Lot #28, N.E.R, [as seen from Highway #7] south of Elizabeth Street according to the Rogers Survey of Warwick Village. Robert McKenzie built this home in Queen Anne Style sometime about 1900-1905. Mr. McKenzie built several homes in the surrounding area. The home was sold by the daughters of Mr. McKenzie, Jessie and Grace, to William and Mina Blain in 1960. The west part of Lot #11, a 50 acre farm was sold in the transaction as well. The Blains lived here until 1980 when they decided to move to an apartment and it was this time that it came into the possession of Lyle and Penny Bryce. Lyle and Penny have maintained the building as it was built originally. It was a well constructed home with high ceilings, spacious rooms and rich trim inside and out. Penny and Lyle have two daughters, Lesley and Danielle, both students. Lyle is a self employed carpenter and farmer while Penny prefers to be called a home-maker.

THE JOHN LONG HOME
[7071 Elizabeth]

Dorothy and Ken Inman

The home of Jack Long and his sister Ellen was located on Lot #26, N.E.R., Rogers Survey of Warwick Village. John Long purchased the property from Frank Restorick. There was an old store on the property which Mr. Restorick operated at one time. The Longs rented a room to Dr. Gibson of Watford for his weekly visits to Warwick Village to attend his patients in the Village and surrounding area.



Highly-polished stove, installed in the house about 90 years ago, comes in useful on a cold, wet day.
Left to right: William Hicks, Wyoming; Harold McKay, RR 6, Forest, and B. O. Walkey, Parkhill.

OCTOBER, 1960 AUCTION SALE AT THE McKENZIE HOME



An ancient handmade cradle is carted away by R. H. Stapleford, of Watford.

THE JOHN LONG HOME [cont'd]

The Longs resided in the old building for a number of years. Suddenly, John left the country to make his fortune in the California Gold Fields. At the time, there was a very good reason for his going. Having had a wee drop too much to drink [easy in those days) John got mixed up in a fight and chewed the ear off a fellow imbibor named Dick Jones, the other combatant. So, rather than face charges, John left home for a few years, and headed for California.

Ellen continued to live here until John returned in 1906. There seemed to be a sort of settlement at that time of \$50. that appeared to free John of any difficulties left over from that incident a few years previously. It was at this time, he started to dismantle the old store and build the house that was on this lot until 1993. Before he finished the building, he decided to return to California [Unfinished Business?] returning in about two years or so and continuing with the construction.

Having completed the building of the house, John settled down with his sister Ellen living in this home, keeping a small flock of hens for eggs and a pig in the summer which they slaughtered for the winter's pork. John died in 1924 but Ellen carried on with this routine until ill health forced her to quit.

Ellen Long's niece, Mrs. Ella Inman, came to live with her and take care of her, this about 1935. Mrs. Inman's son Kenny came to live in the Village the following year. Ellen Long died in 1948. The Inmans inherited the home and property and the outlying property as well that included the Bear Creek Flats that were used for pasturing the livestock and an eight acre hay field on the level above.

The Inmans lived here and Mrs. Inman continued to live here while Kenny was overseas during the 1939-1945 Second World War. Mrs. Inman died in 1970. It was then that Kenny married Dorothy [Westgate] Carroll and they continued to live here, Kenny working at his trade of brick and cement block laying until his retirement. Kenny died in January of 1992. Dorothy sold the home and property to the Township of Warwick. The Township needed space for an addition that was planned for the Fire Hall and a parking lot to serve the Warwick Village Hall. Dorothy left the Village after the sale and rented an apartment in Watford.

The Township put the house itself up for sale by tender and Brad McCann was the successful bidder. Early in 1993, the house was moved just back of its original location to Lot #25, south of Elizabeth Street, Rogers Survey. This property is owned by the McCanns as it adjoins the Old Parsonage House Property which the McCanns own as well and where they reside.

THE OLD METHODIST MANSE [7070 London Line]

Brad McCann

There is a brief history of this home, built in the 1880's by the members of the Warwick Methodist Church. During the time Ethel and John Smith lived here and after the Maple Grove Hotel was burned, Ethel, who had been Warwick's Librarian with the books kept in the Old Hotel, continued with her Library duties in a small building that sat in front of the house. At a later time, this building was moved onto the Yorke/ Harper place on 9 sideroad to be used as a small tool and implement shed.

THE DAVID FALLOON HOME
[7063 Elizabeth Street]

Jim and Charlotte Eastman

The home of James (Jim) and Charlotte Eastman, located on Lot #24, south of Elizabeth Street, Rogers Survey of Warwick Village, was built by Arthur Higgins and Son for David and Margaret Falloon to be used as a residence for the Falloons, this in 1928. Mr. Falloon operated Falloon's Garage for several years. After the Garage was closed down, the entire Falloon Property was sold to John and Johanna VanDiepen and while the two storey white brick was torn down, the brick saved to be used in the new VanDiepen home much later, the frame home was moved from Lot #22 N.E.R. to Lot #24, south of Elizabeth Street, Rogers Survey. Moving the house made way for the construction of the Cold Storage and Fruit Retail Store that the VanDiepens built on the former Falloon Property. The house was renovated and then sold to Pete and Linda LeVecque in 1976.

Pete and Linda lived here until 1985 when they moved to Vancouver. At that time, they sold the home to Jim and Charlotte Eastman. The Eastmans built a garage in 1985 and in 1990, a second storey was built on the single storey portion to make it a completely two storey home. Jim is a self employed carpenter while Charlotte is an accomplished artist having sold a number of her paintings. Jim and Charlotte have a family of three children, Lisa and Charissa, both attending Warwick Central School and Stephen, a pre-schooler.

THE FALLOON HOME [White Brick] Dismantled 1978

This home, located on Lot #23, Roger Survey, N.E.R. was razed to make way for the Warwick Orchards and Nursery Building. It was a two storey white bricksided house with a one storey kitchen and dining area to the rear. Constructed in the 1900-1910 era by James Mains and his crew. Mr. Thomas Main, a brother of James, had the misfortune to fall off the roof and injure himself critically. He died as a result of these injuries.

David and Margaret Falloon lived in this home until 1928 when their son Ira married. Ira and his wife Hazel moved in and David and Margaret moved into the frame house they had built for the garage operator and which David now owned and operated. Ira and Hazel lived here until 1969. Ira and Hazel's son Maurice married Lois Todd in 1959. They lived here for a few years, then moved to a smaller home located on the east side of 9 sideroad near the machine shed now owned by Frank DeBorger. The brick home was divided and rented for a few years, then sold to John VanDiepen in 1966 along with the frame house also belonging to this Falloon property.

John and Johanna and their family resided in the home until 1978 at which time, John demolished the house to make room for his display of shrubs, trees and nursery stock as well as giving extra space around the store.

DON AND VICKI MacKENZIE
[7051 Elizabeth Street]

Don and Vicki MacKenzie's home, located on Lots #20 and 21, south of Elizabeth Street, Rogers Survey, was built in 1973 and Don and Vicki moved in immediately. Don is employed by Dicco Construction as a Construction Machinery Mechanic and Vicki is employed at the Watford Guide Advocate Office in Watford. Don and Vicki have a family of three, Lisa, a student at Lambton College, Krista, a student at Lambton College as well [1993] and Bradley, a student at W.D.H.S. [Watford District High School/East Lambton Secondary School]

GORDON AND FRIEDA WILKINSON

Mike and Darlene Andriash

[7041 Elizabeth Street]

The home of Michael [Mike] and Darlene Andriash, located on Lots #18 and 19, south of Elizabeth Street, Rogers Survey, was built by Bruce Sharpe of Watford for Gordon and Frieda Wilkinson. Gordon and Frieda lived here until 1981 when they sold the home to Gerry and Mrs. DeWeerd. They, in turn, lived here until 1986 at which time the house and property was sold to Mike and Darlene who, with their family, Ashley Marie and Brent Michael, both pre-schoolers, live here at the present time [1993] Mike is a Process Operator with Ethyl Corporation and Darlene a full time home-maker.

JAMES THURSTON

James and Cheryl White

[7033 Elizabeth Street]

The home of James [Jim] and Cheryl White, located on Lots #16 and 17, south of Elizabeth Street, Rogers Survey, was built in 1973 by James Thurston who, with Mrs. Thurston, lived here until 1980 when it was sold to Jim and Cheryl. Jim and Cheryl have a family of three, Michael, a student and Tammy and Tracey, twins, both students. Jim is a lumber yard worker at Muttarts in Sarnia and Cheryl is employed at Androck in Watford as well as coping as a homemaker. [1993]

THE ALFRED COX HOME

John and Jane Esselment

[7084 Egremont Road]

Presently the home of John and Jane Esselment, located on Lots #20 and 21, N.E.R., Rogers Survey, the house, a Queen Anne Design was built about 1903 for Alfred and Bella Cox by Robert McKenzie a local builder of that time. Mr. Cox, a blacksmith who worked his trade in Warwick Village for better than fifty years, passed away in 1937.

At that time, the home and chattels were sold to Frank and Annie Dolan. Frank was a clerk at Warwick General Store from 1925 to the 1960's when ill health forced his retirement. Frank and Annie had a family of two; Francis, a graduate of W.D.H.S. and Ann Marie, a graduate of W.D.H.S., as well.

The home was sold to William [Bill] and Jean Jackson about 1968. Bill Jackson was a miller working at the Swift Feed Mills in Wyoming. They and a family of three, Charlotte, Sheldon and Sheila, lived here until 1982, Jean having passed away in 1981 and Bill the following year, in 1982. The home was sold to John and Jane and their family in 1983 and they have lived there since that time. The family of four are Michael, a labourer, his brother Theodore, a labourer as well and Jennifer and Joseph, are students [W.H.D.S.]

John is an Industrial Mechanic and at present, is working on an Electrician's Apprenticeship. Jane works at the Arkona Fruit Store. The Esselments have built a 20'x20' addition to the north side of their home and as well, a swimming pool, enclosed within a tall wooden fence and a deck as part of this construction. [1993]

THE MENERY HOME
[7042 Egremont Road]

Grace McEwen

Grace McEwen's home is one of the oldest if not the oldest home now existing in Warwick Village. Located on Lots #18 and #19 north of the Egremont Road, Rogers Survey, it is still remembered as the Menery Place. It was owned at one time by Joe Fenner, dates unknown but presumably, sometime during the early or mid 1800's. The Menery Store, which was operated by Albert Menery was located on the south east portion of the property, Lot # 19, N.E.R. Albert, Julia and Alice of the James Menery Family lived in this house until all were deceased. After Julia's death in 1942, the property was purchased by Ray and Jean [Smith] Frayne. They sold it to Don and Grace McEwen in 1954. Don and Grace raised a family of five here: Randy, Peter, Cheryl, Eleanor and Edward. Don passed away in 1972, interment in the United Church Cemetery, 9 sideroad. Grace stayed on to raise her family here, working as well at Androck Wire Works in Watford, [Grace retired in the fall of 1994] and now that her family are on their own, still calls the Old Menery Place her home.

ERIC THOMPSON HOME
[7038 Egremont Road]

Earl [Bud] Beckett

This home, originally a house, the building that Edward J. Thompson moved onto the "V" property where the Egremont Road and Highway #7 divide was used as a General Store while Mr. Thompson owned it. [The Thompson General Store of this history gives details of that era of its existence] It was moved twice, first when Corey Oil sold it to John Majury whose home was just back of it on the same "V" and later, a second move, when George Moore, the next owner of the Majury Property, sold it to Eric Thompson, son of the storekeeper and he moved the building across the Egremont Road to Lot #17, N.E.R., Rogers Survey, just to the west of the Menery Home. It is still there [1994] only has been renovated, first in 1937 as a home for the Thompsons until 1945, when they built another home next door on the Orange Lodge Property. Gordon and Wilma Clark owned the home, living there until 1959 when they sold the house and property to Ray Ferguson. The house was rented out at this point to several families in the next few years. Wilma Kelly lived there about 1980. It was at this time, after several transactions took place that Earl [Bud] Beckett bought it from Moore Credit Union who were the owners by this time. Mr. Beckett is a retired machinist but still has a miniature Machine Shop in his garage as a hobby: Mr. Beckett and his dog, the only residents at this time.

ERIC AND MARGUERITE THOMPSON
[7034 Egremont Road]

Norma and Joe Harper

This is the home that Eric Thompson built at least partially on the cement foundations of the Old Orange Hall. The foundations had been put there by the Dann's, the cement contractors, when the Hall had been moved there some years before and they were still as solid as ever.

From 1945 to 1950, the Thompsons lived here. An elderly couple lived here until the old gentleman died and his wife, who could speak very little English, left to live elsewhere soon after. It was sold to William [Bill] and Mrs. Clark who lived there until 1962 when it was sold to George and Pearl Moore.

There have been several tenants and owners since that time. George and Frances O'Neil, both teachers, rented the home until such time as their own new home was built on the 2nd line north, opposite the farm homestead where George had grown up and near his two brothers William and Douglas who farmed. [Egg and Poultry Business]

Since that time, there have been two couples that lived there, Gerry and Barbara [Trusler] Clark who were married in April, 1968 and Benny and Gwen Dann, both Gerry and Benny, Warwick natives.

Bob Rawlings, the next owner, had retired from his work at the Liquor Store in Thedford, when he came to Warwick to live. There was a long term romance between Bob and Margaret [Peg] Oorange who worked all her life in the Bank of Montreal in Watford, but the couple had never married. Bob lived in the house until his death and Peg, as she was affectionately known, died a few years later.

Walter and Norma Turner, who had been living in the converted Wilkinson Store, bought this property on Lot #16, N.E.R., Rogers Survey. Walt was not very well and his death took place soon after. Norma continued to live here and when she and Joe Harper married [Joe's wife, Gwen, had died some time before] Joe sold his home on the east side of 9 sideroad, here in the Village, and so Joe and Norma are making this their home at the present time.

UNKNOWN

Randy and Deanna McEwen

[7026 Egremont Road]

The home of Deanna and Randy McEwen is located on Lot #15 N.E.R. [Rogers Survey] in Warwick Village. The origins of the house aren't known but some of the early owners were Jacob Smith, who carried the mail and operated the stage from Watford to Warwick Village for many years and Mr. and Mrs. McCausland and their family.

The home was purchased by Robert McKenzie who leased it to the clerks who operated the Warwick General Store which he owned; Stewart McDonald, Ray Janes and L.S. Cook, who eventually purchased the General Store, put a two story addition to the back of the store for living quarters at which time Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cook lived here. Mr. and Mrs. William H. Manicom bought the house and property and lived here for a few years at which time, defaulting their mortgage payments, Mr. McKenzie foreclosed and the property reverted to him.

Frieda and Fred Wickes leased the home and lived there for about three years, then Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Muxlow and their family made it their home. Mr. Muxlow worked at the Warwick Salt Works.

Mrs. Mabel Dolan and her son John W. Dolan purchased the house and property. John worked at Androck in Watford. He enlisted in the Armed Forces at the time of the 2nd World War [1939-1945] and after John returned they continued to live here for a few years. After Mrs. Dolan passed away, John eventually sold the home. Norman and Marilyn Loucks lived here about two years and it was then that Randy and Deanna bought the house and property. [1976] Randy, Deanna and their family, Amy, Pamela, Leslie and Kelly still live here. The home was damaged by fire in 1989 at which time, the McEwens made extensive renovations.

UNKNOWN

Scott and Anne [Douglas] Searson

[7022 Egremont Road]

This home, located on Lot #14, N.E.R., [Rogers Survey] in Warwick Village was purchased by Scott Searson and his then bride-to-be Anne Douglas in 1992. The immediately previous owners were Shawn and Tracy Cameron.

One of the first owners was James Mains, a carpenter and builder. The house was constructed in the 1800's; as remembered, it had a picket fence with wooden gates and a slide door for the dog. The house and property were purchased by Mrs. Fountain, who, with her son George, lived here for a few years. George enlisted in the 1st World War. 11914-1918] After her son, George Morton Fountain was killed in action at the Battle of the Somme [1916] Mrs. Fountain sold the property to David and Elizabeth Waller, who, with their family, lived here for a number of years. Mr. Waller passed away in 1921 [interred in the Anglican Cemetery, Warwick Village] Mrs. Waller continued to live here for a few more years. She married William Bettridge and they lived here until moving to Strathroy in 1929.

There were several tenants during the following years until finally, the home was sold to George and Edith Matthews in 1942. George, Edith and their daughter, Violet, lived here until George passed away in 1967.

After Mr. Matthews death, the property changed hands many times, both renters and owners until it was purchased by Jack Karn in 1984. He renovated the house and sold it to Shawn and Tracy Cameron in 1990. They lived here until it was sold to the present owners, Scott and Anne Searson who were married August 22, 1992.

JOSEPH AND ANNIE STEWART

Wayne and Gwen Runnalls / Renter-Tracy Lester

[7020 Egremont Road]

The home on Lot #13, Rogers Survey of Warwick Village was built for Joseph and Annie Stewart in 1949. The Stewarts lived here for a number of years until Joe passed away in 1959, Annie continuing to live here until 1977 when the home was sold to Ross [Tooe] Smith who lived here until he passed away in 1986. The house and property were sold to clear up Ross's estate and it was purchased by Wayne and Gwen Runnalls who have rented it out periodically. Tracy Lester is the present [1994] occupant.

THE DOLAN / KARR HOME

Ralph and Frances Harper

[7018 Egremont Road]

The home of Ralph and Frances Harper, located on Lot #12, N.E.R. Rogers Survey, Warwick Village was known as the Dolan Home when it stood on the Dolan property east of the present day United Church Cemetery on 9 sideroad.

It was moved to its present location by Robinson and Annie May Karr in 1947. They lived here for a number of years, Rob having died in 1950, Annie May living on here until her death in 1957.

It was purchased at that time by Carl and Wilma Valnions [1958] and they and their family, Anita, Randy and Marilyn lived here until 1966. Wilma died in 1965 but the family remained

until in 1966 Ralph and Frances Harper bought the house and property.

The house was completely reworked at that time with the addition of a kitchen, new roof, siding and veranda. Recently, a Florida Room has been added to the west end of the house.

Ralph and Frances, after raising their family, Terry and Donny here and now that Terry and Donny, both of whom are truck drivers, have homes of their own, continue to live here with their granddaughter who is of school age.

The Harpers have made a modern and comfortable residence of this home. Ralph has operated a woodlot from the rear of the property for the past twenty-seven years and Frances is a teacher with the Lambton Board of Education. [1993]

THE GEORGE STILLWELL HOME

Kim Bell

[7014 Egremont Road]

This home, presently owned by Kim Bell and located on Lot #11, N.E.R., Rogers Survey of Warwick Village was completely renovated in 1989, actually given a "New Look."

The home, as I remember it, was the home at that time of Mr. and Mrs. George Stillwell. He was one of Warwick Village's early blacksmiths, passing away in 1922. At this time, the property was bequeathed to his daughter, Mrs. Adelaide [Addie] Learn. The Learns lived here for several years, but with Mr. Learn being employed in Watford, they moved there so that he would be closer to his work.

The home was rented periodically until 1940 when it was sold to Harry and Dorothy Lee of Niagara Falls. Mr. Lee was a World War 1 Veteran. [1914-1918] The Lees lived here about four years at which time, they sold it to William [Bill] Turner and his wife Annie [Harper].

The Turners lived here until their passing in 1977. The home was inherited by Walter and Norma Turner. Walter built a canopy for an R.V. [Winnebago] that they owned at that time. This part eventually became a Sun Room. This portion remained intact when it was decided to renovate the entire house.

All that was left of the Old Stillwell Home was the cement block outer walls. These walls were completely enclosed with insulation and Vinyl Siding. New windows and doors, flooring and drywall completed the renovation. The Old Stillwell Home is not recognizable but a modern comfortable home has resulted from the renovation.

HENRY AND MYRTLE MANSFIELD HOME

Don Wilcocks

[7012 Egremont Road]

The small home, located on Lot #10, N.E.R., Rogers Survey of Warwick Village, is now owned by Don Wilcocks and occupied by his mother-in-law, Mrs. Anne Dolan. It was built for Henry and Myrtle Mansfield in 1949.

The Mansfields lived here until Mrs. Mansfield's death in 1957, Henry continuing to live here until 1965 when he sold the home to Robert and Addie [Janes] Hawkins. Henry went to live with his daughter, Mildred Barnes in Watford. Henry passed away in 1969.

Bob and Addie Hawkins lived here for a few years until Mrs. Hawkins passed away in 1968 when the home was sold to Elgin Kersey and then shortly after to Don Wilcocks, this also in

1968. Anne Dolan lives here at the present time.

STEWART SMITH HOME
[7006 Egremont Road]

Hubert and Reta Vossen

The present day home of Hubert and Reta Vossen was built in 1966 on Lots #5, 6,7, 8 and 9, north of the Egremont Road, Rogers Survey, Warwick Village. It was built for Stewart Smith by Moffatt and Powell Associates. Stewart lived here until 1972. He then sold it to Lloyd and Ruth Quick. The Quicks lived here until 1982. This property requires considerable time in caring for the lawns, shrubs etc. on rather difficult terrain. Caring for the place became too much for the Quicks—both had their work away from home involving long hours--so they sold the house and property to Hubert and Reta Vossen. The Vossens rented the place for approximately two years but in 1984, they moved into their home. They have renovated and added a two-car garage, planting more shrubbery and a cedar hedge along the west side of the property. They have had the driveway paved with Paving Brick with flower beds on each side. The Vossens have made a picture-postcard place of their home.

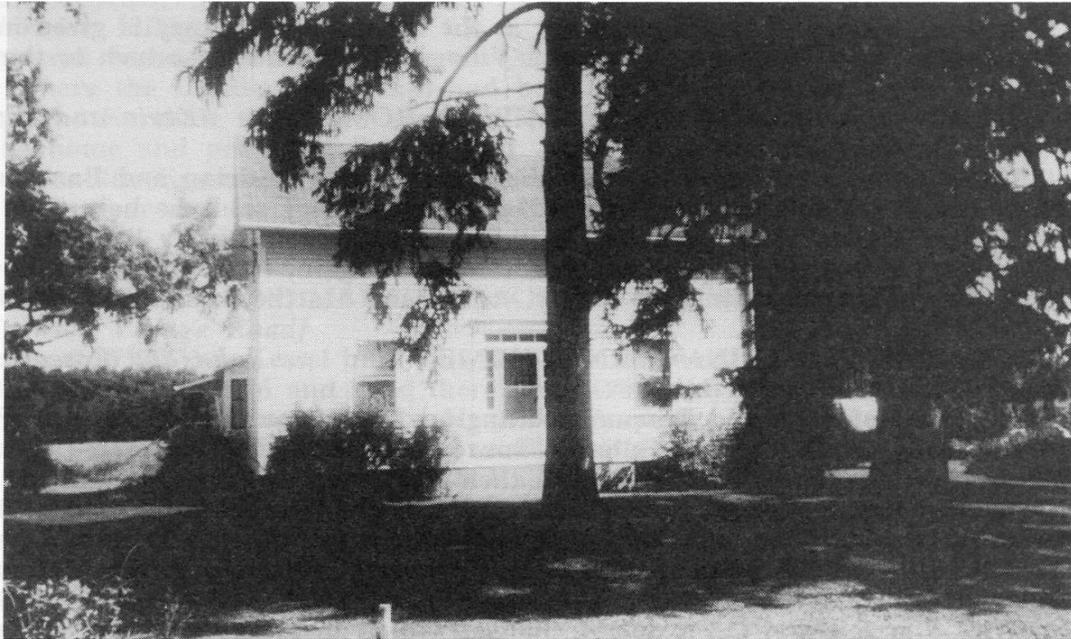
HAROLD COSENS TEMPORARY HOME [6982 Egremont Road]

George and Gladys Holbrook—
Carman and Nancy Holbrook living there

This house of George and Gladys Holbrook is located on Lot #1 N.E.R., Rogers Survey. The first part of this home was built for Harold Cosens as a temporary residence after the Warwick Village fire in March of 1947 on the Cosens property next to the Maple Grove Hotel which was burned in the same conflagration. The Cosens moved a house from its original location behind the Anglican Church Cemetery onto the burnt-off property. After converting this building into a residence and electrical shop, he sold the small house to Robert [Bob] and Kathleen [Kate] Jones in 1948. They moved this house onto property owned by Kathleen's brother William [Bill] Blunt, which was originally the Methodist [United Church] Property at the southeast corner of 9 sideroad and Highway #7. Bob and Kate lived here until 1949 when they moved the house again, this time to what at one time was known as the Wilson Property, which Bob and Kate bought from George Moore in 1949. Bob and Kathleen lived here until 1961. The home was sold to Rev. H.M. Wright in 1960 and they moved in the next year. The Wrights built an addition to the north side for a dining area with a basement under the dining room as well as under the original little home, this in 1965. The Wrights lived here, retired, until they passed away, Mr. Wright in 1973 and Mrs. Wright in 1974. Rev. and Mrs. Wright were Gladys Holbrook's parents so at their death, the house was left to Gladys and her husband George Holbrook. The Holbrooks rented the home to Ron and Sharon Clark who, with their family, Tracy and Michael [Mike] lived here from 1975 until 1979 when they purchased the Old Abbott Property on the "V" in the Village Centre. The former Wright home was rented to Tim Morgan for a year or so. When Carman Holbrook married Nancy Douglas in 1982, they moved into this house still owned by Carman's parents. Carman and Nancy live here still with their family of two, Krista and Kyle. George and Gladys built an addition to the east end of the home of two bedrooms with a full basement and some exterior renovations to the existing portion of the house and this was completed in 1988. Carman is to be commended for the clean-up of the hill portion of the property down into the Spring Creek Flats. This added a pleasant vista of landscape in that corner of the Village.

THE JACOB UTTER HOME [6966 Egremont Road]

The Winnie Leggate Estate



In all probability, it would be Jacob and his wife Rebecca [Fenner] Utter who would have been the original builders of this home because it is a very old one. Before this, the farm had belonged to James Menery, the township treasurer but at that time when the monies collected for taxes were stolen from his home, Mr. Menery had to make good for this and as a result had to sell a portion of his acreage and Jacob Utter was one of the buyers. Stewart Smith, as well bought a smaller portion. The property came into the possession of the Fenners and George Fenner lived there for a time. Michael Cassidy was the next owner and it became part of Fred Cassidy's inheritance. When Fred died, George Moore bought the property and married Fred's widow. Harvey Leggate bought the property about 1940 and after Harvey's death in May of 1974, Winnie continued to make it her home until her death in 1993.

THE MICHAEL AND MELODY BORTHWICK HOME Michael and Melody Borthwick
[6969 Egremont Road]

Mike and Melody built their home in 1992 and with their young family have continued to reside there. The house is backed by a thickly treed lot that provides a pleasant setting for their home and a natural cooling atmosphere during the hot summer days.

THE RAY AND TANNIS McDERMID HOME
[6971 Egremont Road]

Martin and Sharon Leeson

The home of Martin and Sherry Leeson was built for Ray and Tannis McDermid on the west portion of the Old Anglican Rectory Property, the southwest corner of the Egremont Road and 9 sideroad on Lots to the west of the Old Rectory itself. The McDermids lived in this home until 1990 when they sold it to Pete and Ivy Hayes. The Hayes lived here until 1991 when Mr. Hayes was transferred to Akron, Ohio. The house was sold by the Company he works for. The purchasers were Martin and Sherry Leeson, both high school teachers. Martin and Sherry have two children, Kirsten and Matthew or "Matt" for short.

THE OLD ANGLICAN RECTORY

Scott and Lisa Lockhart

[6973 Egremont Road]

The long history of this house built at the turn of the century is given in some detail in the chapter on Warwick Village Churches. Please turn to that page.

THE ADRIAN AND BARBARA VERMIEREN HOME

Kevin and Patti Loubert

Warwick Village Road]

The home of Kevin and Patti Loubert was built by Adrian and Barbara Vermieren. They and their family lived here until 1987 when they sold the home and property to David and Marna Wilkinson. The Wilkinsons with their family lived here for approximately a year when the property was sold once again, this time to the Louberts about 1988. The Louberts, with their family, Adam and Matthew still reside there.

THE NORMAN AND RINA TURNER HOME

Robert and Roseanne Sitlington

[6201 Warwick Village Road]

The home of Robert and Roseanne Sitlington, located on the west side of Park Street [9 sideroad] on Lot # , Goldhawk Survey, was built for Norman [Norm] and Rina Turner in 1951. They lived here until their deaths occurred, Rina, I'm not sure of, but Norm died in October of 1971. Norm and Rina had three children, David, Nancy and Deborah [Debbie] The home was bought by Norm's brother Walter and he and Norma lived here until 1977 when the house and property were sold to the McDougall Family.

After 5 or 6 years, the property changed hands again and this time it was sold to the McPhersons, a young couple who lived here until they separated in 1986. At this time, the home was sold to Robert and Roseanne Sitlington who, with their family, Melissa and Christopher, both students at Warwick Central School, live here still. Robert is Shop Foreman at Beasley Machine Shop in Sarnia and Roseanne is Assistant Librarian at the Warwick Branch of the Lambton County Library.

THE ROBERT AND VELDA GEORGE HOME

Steve and Eileen Garside

[6195 Warwick Village Road]

The home of Steve and Eileen Garside, located on the west side of Park street [part of Lot #9,] was built for Robert [Bob] and Velda George in the 1960's. Bob was employed as a truck driver and Velda's duties were that of homemaker. Their family included Roxanne, Roberta and Stephen. The Georges lived here until 1968 when they sold their home to Reid and Linda Harper. Reid Harper was an Office Equipment Technician and Linda a stenographer.

Reid and Linda's family included Sandra and Jeffery. The Harpers lived here until 1973 at which time the house and property was sold to Fred and Hazel Horst who, up to that time had had the Museum at the corner of the Wanstead Sideroad and Highway #7. Fred continued to be a bit of an antique collector even if their new quarters were not so spacious. They built an addition to the home and Fred continued to live here for a while after Hazel died in 1980 but then sold the home to Orval and Kim King in 1988. The Kings did some renovations, brightening the place and lived here until 1990. The Kings had a family of two, Jennifer and Jeremy.

The home was sold to Steve and Eileen Garside, Steve a truck driver with McKenzie and Henderson and Eileen a homemaker and part-time worker at Kentucky Fried Chicken in Forest. Steve and Eileen have a family of two—Kori and Ashley.

Once again, the house and property has been sold [1994], this time to Mark Thompson and Donna Clark who reside there.

THE LES JACKSON/JACQUILINE KERSHAW HOME

John and Florence Main

[6191 Warwick Village Road]

The present home of John and Florence Main was a modular home moved onto the property where the Goldhawk sawmill had been located. Occupants were Les Jackson and Jacqueline Kershaw who lived here for a few years. John and Florence Main purchased the home and property, Part of Lot #9, S.E.R., when they retired from their farm home on the Egremont Road. The Mains have renovated the home and built an addition to the rear and more recently a garage and storage area at the foot of the drive.

THE HOME OF WILLI AND MARTIN VanKESSEL

Boudewyn and Margaret Willemse

[6187 Warwick Village Road]

Martin and Willi Van Kessel built this home on the west side of Park Street [9 sideroad in the Village] in 1976 and lived there until 1988 when they built another home in the Village on what was known as the Kenward Property, Lots #13, 14 and part of 15 on the north side of Mereden Street and south of Highway #7. Martin did much of the work in the building of this home [with Willi helping at the extras] as he had done with the preceding home they owned on 9 sideroad. Martin, a partner of Adrian Vermieren, carries on a business of framing and building known as Van-Ver Construction Limited. Beginning in 1975, this venture is being carried on at the present time. Martin and Willi have been residents of Warwick Village since 1976. They have a family of three, Sherry, Martin Jr. [Marty] and Michele.

THE JAY AND ALMA FENNER HOME

Terry and Susan McKinlay

[6183 Warwick Village Road]

This home was built for Jay and Alma Fenner when they returned from the west in 1922. Jay and Alma and family, Lorne, Bruce and Marion lived here for a few years. Doris was born here in 1924. The location was on Lot #8, S.E.R., west of where the Centennial Ball Park is located at present and south and west of the present day home of Jan and Monique Durr. Jay and Alma and their family lived here until 1927 when the farm on W 1/2 Lot #6, N.E.R. was purchased by Lou Fenner, Jay's brother. Jay and Alma and their family moved to this property. The little home was now moved to its present location as a residence for Lou and Jay's father, George Fenner who operated a Confectionery Stand and Gas Pump located on the northwest corner of #7 Highway and 9 sideroad. George Fenner never lived in the little house so it remained vacant for several years. The property was sold to a Mr. Eagleson of Ailsa Craig, a Lumber Dealer who immediately cut the timber off the property. An old teamster named Lockey put a makeshift lean-to to the west end of the little house to stable his horses while the log removal was going on. After the timber was removed, Mr. Eagleson sold the property to William [Bill] Goldhawk who divided the property facing 9 sideroad into 7 lots, including the Fenner house and property which he sold to William [Billy] Harper who lived here for about two years. A Miss Roby, a school teacher, lived here for about two years but since that time, the residents have stayed for short periods of time, sometimes as little as six months. A Lucas family lived here for a short time during the sixties. Don McDermid owned the property for a short time. The present residents, Terry and Susan McKinlay have lived here for almost two years and they have done a