

considerable amount of renovating. It was always said that one would freeze to death if living there in the winter so possibly now with insulation and a thorough make over, the little home has been made into a convenient, comfortable residence.

THE JAMES CONROY HOUSE

Cy and Jane Vansteenkiste

[6179 Warwick Village Road]

The home of Cy and Jane Vansteenkiste was built by Robert Lauzon of London, a pre-cut home, the design and materials supplied by Copp's Building Supplies of London. When completed, it was sold to James Conroy who almost immediately ran afoul of the law so the home reverted to Mr. Lauzon who sold it to the Vansteenkistes in 1980. At that time, Cy and Jane were operating the Esso Station that had been Magee's Esso at the corner of 6 sideroad and #7 Highway. The Vansteenkistes have made considerable renovations and additions to the home, adding a two-car garage to the end facing 9 side-road and a car port to the north side of the house. They have landscaped the lot and now, the house and grounds, with the backing of tall trees on the northwest corner, provides a colourful view as one rounds the curve on Highway #7.

THE SYD AND JANE FLETCHER HOUSE

Neil and Tina Veeke

[6989 London Line]

Syd and Jane Fletcher bought this property, the former Widdy Smith Lot #23 south of Mereden Street, in 1975, put in a cement foundation and full size basement, then moved a modular home onto the foundation. After residing here a few years, the Fletchers, Syd teaching in Forest at the time, moved there and so the house was rented to Gerry Routley and his family for a short time. Gerry was a brother-in-law of Syd, both wives being McLellan sisters, daughters of Dan and Ora who had moved from the farm north of the Village on 9 sideroad to the former Wm. Blunt home on the southeast corner of 9 sideroad and #7 Highway. The property was sold to Dennis and Lynne Minielly in 1977.

The Miniellys didn't have far to move since at that time they were living next door in the former Blunt home. Dennis and Lynne with their family lived here for a few years and when the Miniellys parted, Dennis continued living here with some friends until 1991. It was in 1992 that Neil and Tina Veeke bought the property. There had to be considerable renovations done since the house had reached a sad state of dilapidation. The very solid foundation stood the house in good stead though and with all the tasteful remodelling done by the Veekes and Tina's touch in the way of landscaping, the home now has a picture postcard appearance.

THE OLD METHODIST CHURCH PROPERTY / WILLIAM AND BETTY BLUNT

[6981 London Line]

Doug and Cathy Norman

The home of Doug and Cathy Norman is located on Lot #6, east of Park Street, [9 sideroad] Originally the home was built by Wilfred Marriott as temporary housing and located on Alma Street allowance, west of the Falloon Garage which Wilf rented and operated at that time. Wilf Marriott built a new Garage and living quarters east of the Village so the little house was sold to William [Bill] and Betty Blunt.

For one winter, after Bill returned to Canada having been in the Armed Forces during the 2nd World War [1939-1945] and bringing Betty, his English War Bride with him, they had lived, rather uncomfortably, in the frame Falloon house next to the Falloon Garage.

Bill and Betty had bought the Old Methodist [United Church] Property on the southeast corner of 9 sideroad and #7 Highway in 1948 and in 1949, they moved the little Marriott house onto this lot, building an addition to the south side and sometime later adding a garage. Bill and Betty and their family lived here until 1963 when they sold the house and property to William [Billie] and Lizzie Neal, an elderly retired couple.

The Neals lived here until 1965 when the home was sold to Dan and Ora [Kersey] McLellan who resided here until 1971 at which time Dan passed away. In 1977, the home was sold to Dennis and Lynne Minielly, who lived here for a very brief time before purchasing the house and property just to the east of them, the Fletcher home. Dennis and Lynne moved in 1977 and their former home was rented to Bob and Velda George who lived here for a short time. Doug Turner lived here briefly as well.

Doug and Cathy Norman purchased the home from Dennis Minielly in 1987. Doug and Cathy worked in London for a few years, but they disliked the drive to and fro and found work elsewhere. Doug operates a Chip Stand during the summer months, to the front and just west of the house near Highway #7, serving Hot Dogs, Hamburgers and Fish and Chips. In the winter months, Doug works as a cook in the Watford Hotel. Cathy is employed in the Sarnia Office of Ontario Health. Doug and Cathy have been pleased with their move from London and have taken quite happily to country-style living.

THE NORMAN AND ISABEL THOMAS HOME
[6182 Warwick Village Road]

Norm and Isabel Thomas

The home of Norm and Isabel [McKay] Thomas was built in 1959, a pre-fabricated [Muttart] home, on Lots #24 and #25, south of Mereden Street, Town of Warwick Survey. Norm and Isabel also own Lots #24 and 25, north of Mereden Street and the road allowance, 4 rods wide and the width of the lots #24 and #25.* Norm and Isabel have modified the home over the years, re-siding it with vinyl and adding a deck to the east end, with a semi-closed car port on the west end and a small tool and implement shed towards the centre of the property. A bit of landscaping and the property has become a cosy and desirable home.

* This peculiarity in owning street allowances in the Village results from Highway #7 cutting diagonally across Mereden Street, leaving a useless portion as far as street use is concerned.

THE THOMAS WALLER HOME
[6188 Warwick Village Road]

Allan and Betty Galbraith

The home of Allan and Betty Galbraith is situated on Lot #5 east side of Park Street [9 side road]. The earliest information is what I can remember—that it was owned by Thomas Waller whose mother, Mrs. Waller lived with him. Mr. Waller, a laborer, worked at farm work and whatever was available. He sold the house and property to Les and Lizzie McKay in 1929. The McKays lived here until Les's death in 1966 and Lizzie continued to live here until ill health forced her to move to North Lambton Rest Home. Lizzie passed away in 1979. Both Les and Lizzie are interred in Warwick United Church Cemetery. At Lizzie's death, the property was bequeathed to Norm and Isabel [McKay] Thomas. Norm and Isabel sold the home to their daughter Peggy and son-in-law Ron Bowles. Ron erected a building in which he did Auto Body Repairing and Painting until 1991. The house was divided into two apartments and rented for a few years. Finally, it was sold to Allan and Betty Galbraith in 1991. Ron continued to work in the shop, cleaning up a few jobs he had to complete—until April 1992. Incidentally, Betty

Galbraith has fenced her yard and is carrying on a Child Care Project at the present time.

THE LOUISE YORKE HOME

Hans and Eva Berger

[6200 Warwick Village Road]

The home of Louise Yorke was moved onto Lot #4, east of Park street [9 sideroad] Town of Warwick Survey. The property was purchased from John J. Smith by Mrs. Yorke and her father, John T. Kersey in 1951, purchasing Lots #1, 2, 3 and 4 east of Park Street. An addition was built to the house to accomodate Mr. Kersey. An old stable was moved onto the property by Mr. Kersey from 9 sideroad, to the north of the Village. By adding a lean-to, it was converted into a double garage with an outhouse to the south end. Louise married Joe Harper in 1954. When Mr. Kersey passed away, Louise became sole owner. Joe and Louise lived here for several years. Louise passed away in 1979. Joe Harper purchased the original library building that had sat on the front lawn of John and Ethel Smith's property, Lot #25, N.E.R., Rogers Survey and used the little building as a tool shed.

Joe married Gwen Willer, a widow, in 1981 and they lived here for about ten years, until Gwen passed away in 1991. Joe lived here until July, 1992 when he married Norma Turner and went to live with Norma in her home. It was then the house and property was sold to Hans and Eva Berger.

The Bergers spend their winters in Florida and have the 9 sideroad property as a summer home.

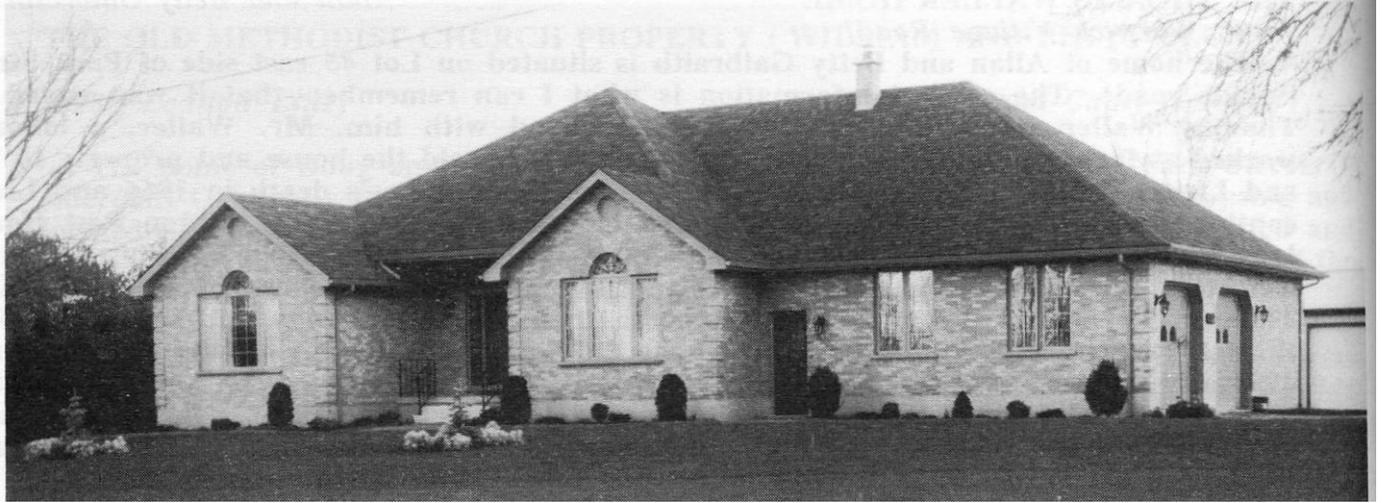
THE KERSEY/ROUTLEY PROPERTY

Aaron Holmes and Susan Coddington

[6204 Warwick Village Road]

Lots #1 and 2, east of Park Street [9 sideroad] were sold to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Routley by John T. Kersey, Mrs. Routley's grandfather. The Routleys built a new home on the property and lived here with their son Gerry until 1973 when the house and property were sold to George and Joan McDermid who lived here until selling, in 1977, to William [Bill] Shand and his wife Connie. Bill and Connie's family consisted of Angela and Bill Jr. The Shands lived here until 1991, renting the house out until July 1992 when it was sold once more, this time to Aaron Holmes.

A NEW HOME ON THE OLD STEWART PROPERTY 16210 Warwick Village Road
John and Josie Verheyen



The most recently completed home built [1994] in Warwick Village on Lot 24, S.E.R.

THE VYNER PROPERTY

Dennis and Theresa Blunt

[6244 Warwick Village Road]

The home of Ivor [Oscar] and Margaret Rose Blunt is located on the Old Pea Vyners property, Lots #1, 2, 3 and 4, north of Elizabeth Street, Rogers Survey. The home was purchased from Winston [Chub] Wilkinson and moved onto the Vyners Property in 1962.

Oscar and Margaret renovated the house and did a remarkable job of it. They built a Storage Shed and Garage on the northern portion of the property and then purchased an additional four lots adjoining their property, Lots #3 and 4 N.E.R and Lots #3 and 4 south of Elizabeth Street. Oscar passed away in 1974. Margaret Rose continued to live here and then married Robert [Bob] Lawson.

He helped landscape the property, mostly by just mowing the grass but this helped to improve the appearance of that corner of the Village, along with what Carman Holbrook did on his property, this open and mostly unusable space looks almost manicured.

Bob and Margaret Rose lived here until 1991 at which time, the property was sold to Margaret Rose's son, Dennis, and daughter-in-law, Teresa Blunt, the present day occupants.

THE JOHN MAIN/WILLIAM GOLDHAWK HOUSE

Donald and Brenda Patterson

[6980 Egremont Road]

The home of Donald and Brenda Patterson is located on Lot #23 S.E.R., Town of Warwick Survey. The main part of the house was moved into this location by William [Bill] Goldhawk in 1941 from just west and north of the present Warwick Central School on Lot # 12, S.E.R. of Warwick Township. The house was the home of the Buttermaker, John Main Sr. Mr. Main was employed by Warwick Creamery which was located on the southwest corner of 12 sideroad and the Egremont Road [#7 Highway], just west of the large maple tree which exists on the teacher's

parking lot. In 1953, Bill Goldhawk moved an addition onto the south side and renovated it, making it into a kitchen. This portion was purchased from Clarence Wilkinson. Bill and Beatrice Goldhawk lived here for several years: Bill from 1941 to 1966 and Beatrice 1941 until 1970. Their family consisted of: Elizabeth, now Mrs. Gerry Spencer of Forest, Allan, now of Camlachie, Velda who married Robert George of Forest, Gwen, now Mrs. Wayne Runnalls of Warwick Township, Linda, Mrs. Pete Levecque of Vancouver, Wendy, Mrs. J.C. Lester and Leslie and Laverne in Sarnia.

Beatrice moved to the Camlachie area in 1970 and married after Bill died in 1966 and later, the home in Warwick Village was sold to Don and Brenda. They have renovated the house with new siding, roofing and insulation, added a deck to the south side and built a garage.

Don and Brenda have a family of three girls: Sherry, Julie and Terrilyne. Don owns and operates a back-hoe and they and their family live quite snugly in this small home.

DON AND JEAN HOLLINGSWORTH

[6995 Egremont Road]

The home of Don and Jean [Cook] Hollingsworth, built in 1989 on Lots #21 and 22, south of the Egremont Road, Town of Warwick Survey, is a nicely designed home with a carport to the west end. Don also built a [free standing] workshop and storage shed to the rear and south of the house and the driveway has been asphalted. The work was completed by Jim Eastman [our local home builder who lives on Elizabeth Street] but Don did a considerable amount of the work himself. Jean is a Warwick Village native who has returned to the Village in retirement.

RAY AND TANNIS McDERMID

[George Street]

This is a new home that has been under construction most of this year. [1994] The house sits kitty-corner across Lots #19 and 20 S.E.R., Town of Warwick Survey, facing northeast on property formerly owned by Jack and Lorraine Brand.

THE JACK AND LORRAINE BRAND HOME

Rick and Cindy Porter

[6207 George Street]

The home now the residence of Rick and Cindy Porter was built in 1954 for Jack Brand. Lorraine Dew and Jack Brand were married on May 19, 1956 and it was then they made it their home. They built a two-car garage onto the home at a later date and modified this addition with another to accommodate a R.V., changing the roofline and filling in the area between the garage area and the house. The R.V. was used occasionally for trips to Florida and the summer vacations but Lorraine's teaching and Jack's work left them little time for that enjoyment and when the R.V. was sold the floor of the garage where the R.V. had been stored was once again raised to ground level. Jack and Lorraine owned the first in-ground swimming pool in the area, but it too was removed and is now on the property of Randy and Deane McEwen. Of the many trees that Lorraine and Jack planted, unfortunately some had to be removed with the construction of new homes when the property was divided.

The property included Lots #19, 20, 21 and 22, S.E.R. and Lots #1 and 2, west of George Street,

Town of Warwick Survey. Their home was built on Lots #1 and 2, west of George Street. Jack and Lorraine lived here until 1988 when they sold the home and Lots # 1, 2 and 3 west of George Street to Jim and Sharen Billings, retaining Lots #19, 20, 21 and 22, S.E.R. In 1990, the Billings sold the home to Rick and Cindy Porter who, although the property has been for sale for some time, still live there with their family. The Billings kept Lot # 3, west of George Street and it is here that they built their new home.

THE FRED AND HELEN WILSON HOME

Ross and Shelley Emmons

[6198 George Street]

The home of Fred and Helen Wilson was a modular home built elsewhere in two sections and moved onto a solid cement foundation and full basement that Fred had prepared on Lots #3, 4, east of George Street, Town of Warwick Survey.

The house was moved onto the lot in 1974 and Fred built a canopy-type addition over the back door that housed the stairs up into the home and down into the basement as well and extended this roof line to the north to accommodate a shaded area to the east of the house. He built north and east of the house a free-standing garage and workshop with an area to the rear of the garage for implement storage, a cement driveway from the street to the garage along the north side of the house and sidewalks at the rear of the house connecting the two buildings. A front porch was added over the west entrance to shade the doorway. Fred enjoyed gardening and he cultivated a large area to the south of the house where as well as the usual vegetable garden, he had both raspberries and strawberries.

The two girls married soon after coming to Warwick but Fred and Helen lived here with their son, John, until August of 1992 when Fred passed away. Helen stayed on in the home until the following year when she sold the house and property to Ross and Shelley Emmons. They have spiffed up the house with a new coat of paint and filled in most of the garden area with grass.

THE JAMES AND SHARON BILLINGS HOME

[6203 George Street]

Jim and Sharon Billings built a new home in 1990 on Lot #3, west of George Street, the lot they had held from when they owned the Brand property. The home is designed with the living room to the front with a cathedral ceiling and three sky-lights over the living room area with a walkway to the front of the second floor rooms and steps to the first floor of the home. The house is cedar-sided, the siding coated with a natural wood preservative and sealer. Jim has built himself a two-car garage and workshop to the front of the lot where he plans to repair and restore automobiles.

THE TOM AND VICKIE PEMBLETON HOME

[6994 London Line]

The first home that Tom built was on Lot 8, north of Mereden Street but in 1977, Tom and Vickie bought Lots #22 and 23 north of Mereden Street and built a new ranch style home. As well as an in ground swimming pool to the north of the house, Tom built a shop to the east side and back of the house which has been twice enlarged to accommodate more equipment in his "Bear Creek Woodcraft and Cabinets" business he operates with the help of about three employees.

ALLAN AND MANDA VANSTEENKISTE

[6181 George Street]

Allan and Manda Vansteenkiste built a new home in 1992 on Lots #19, 20 and 21, south of Mereden Street, Town of Warwick Survey on property purchased from the St. Clair Conservation Authority. The removal of sufficient trees was necessary to allow space for the home to be built as this portion of the Conservation Area had been devoted to "reforestation." The home is a sort of "cottage style", a bow window to the north and a spindle-railed porch to the front with a two car garage attached on the south side.

They spent Christmas in their new home. [1992]

THE HOME OF JOHN AND JOHANNA Van DIEPEN

[6173 George Street]

John and Johanna Van Diepen's home was built in 1989-90 on Lots #6, 7 and 8, west of George Street, Town of Warwick Survey. The brickwork on the house was completed by William (Bill) Blunt, an across the street neighbour of the Van Diepens, the brick used in the construction of the home, that material salvaged from the Old Falloon House that John had demolished to make way for his Apple Storage and Retail Outlet Building.

THE WILLIAM AND BETTY BLUNT HOME

[6176 George Street]

Betty and Bill [Jr.] Blunt's home was built in 1964 on the southerly portions of Lots #17 and 18, south of Mereden Street and Lot #6, east of George Street, Town of Warwick Survey after they sold their home on what had been the Old Methodist Church Property at the 9 sideroad corner.

The house is of red brick and this work was done by Bill himself. He also built a stone retaining wall across the front of the property about twenty feet out from the house with a wishing well and to the north of the driveway, built an area that contained a base for a flag pole flying the Canadian Flag—a Canadian Flag on the property was a must--Bill was a Veteran of World War II and a dedicated Legion Member.

A small shed was built on the property for implement storage and a roofed-in covered passageway at the south entrance gave an outside access to the basement.

After several months illness, Bill died in October of 1991. Betty has continued to live in their home accompanied by a black Labrador named "Cindy." *



* There is a sad footnote to this mention of Betty and Cindy since this was written. For on October 4th, 1994, Cindy was, as so many unfortunate animals before her, killed as she was crossing the highway. Ross Emmons and Bill Coristine officiated at her burial at the back of the Blunt property.

Their family of three are married and have families of their own. Bill Jr., after being laid off from Fiberglas when it closed down in Sarnia, was fortunate enough to find work along the same line—but—in Sault Saint Marie, where they now make their home. Robert [Mike] having lived

for a short time in their old home on 9 sideroad corner a few years ago, is now doing maintenance work and living in Forest. Philip graduated in engineering and is working for a Company in Brantford as well as contracting jobs on his own.

THE NYE HOME
[6182 George Street]

William Sr. and Mabel Blunt

The home of Mrs. William [Mabel] Blunt Sr. is located on the southeast corner of George and Mereden Streets, Lots #17 and 18, south of Mereden Street, Warwick Village. The home and property was known as the Nye Place where for several years, Mrs. Nye, Florence and George lived before it was sold to William and Mabel Blunt, after Bill returned from overseas from serving in World War I [1914-1918] [BILL SERVED HIS COUNTRY WELL]

Mrs. Blunt [Mabel] came to Canada as a British War Bride in 1919. Marjorie was born shortly after. They lived here until 1920 when they moved to Kingscourt to be closer to Bill's work at the McCormick Brick and Tile Yard. Bill Jr. was born there in 1921.

Then Bill sought employment in Michigan. They lived in Detroit for a few years; Harvey was born in the U.S.A. During this time the house was rented to Mr. and Mrs. O'Reilly. Len O'Reilly was a highway employee, working on the grading and landscaping of the recently new #7 Highway [1922] The Blunts moved back to Warwick for three or four years and during this time, Bob and Howard were born. The family moved to Sarnia where Bill was employed at Imperial Oil for a few years. Kathleen was born in Sarnia. They returned to Warwick Village once more where they continued to live.

Helen, Ivor [nicknamed Oscar], Jack and Sylvia were all born in the Village. Bill worked during the 2nd World war [1939-1945] at his trade of bricklaying, moving around and boarding wherever the work was available.

Bill passed away in 1959 and Mrs. Blunt continued to live on in her home doing housework during the day and providing meals for a retired Doctor who had a home just to the west of the Village, returning each night to her own home. She worked at this until the Doctor decided to return to Michigan.

Mabel lived on for a good number of years in her own home, depending on her son Bill and daughter-in-law Betty to help her maintain her independence on into her nineties, but finally, ill health forced her to go to North Lambton Rest Home in Forest.

Mabel Blunt died in her ninety-sixth year in October of 1992. The house has remained vacant since she went to the nursing home. Bill and Mabel deserve medals for raising a large family of ten, which they did during one of the most impoverished times ever, known as the dirty thirties [depression years] with welfare not available as it is today. [\$3. per week was the allowance and whatever was needed had to be repaid] They survived and the family has done well. Marjorie, Bill and Ivor are all deceased, Marjorie interred in Arkona Cemetery and Bill Jr. and Ivor interred in the Anglican Cemetery, Warwick Village.

THE JAMES BURNS GENERAL STORE AND POST OFFICE Pearl [Mother] and Bill Coristine

[London Line] or [6190 George Street]

The home of Bill Coristine and his mother Pearl Coristine is one of the older buildings located in Warwick Village; Lots #17 and 18, north of Mereden Street and south of the present Highway #7. The history of this building has been touched on before.

Mr. James Burns, the first owner of the building operated a General Store that included Millinery. The store front, facing what was then the "Plank Road to Port Sarnia," consisted of two large multi-paned windows with a central double-hung doorway with three multi-paned windows across the upper floor. The front of the house, that faces to the southwest and the rear are similar in design, having three multi-paned windows across the upper floor and one multi-paned window on each side of a central doorway leading into a hallway that crosses the width of the house to the door on the opposite side.

Mr. and Mrs. J.S. Clark, owner and operator of the Warwick Cheese Factory which later became the Warwick Creamery where they made butter] lived here and Mr. Clark's father-in-law, a cheese-maker by trade as well. It was sometime during their residence here that Dr. Wickett from Watford had an office and Miss Etta S. Smith taught music.

Lew Fenner bought the property in the early twenties and his parents, George and Emma and Lew's sister, Rebe, until she went to work in Detroit, lived here. Lew was a practicing dentist in Detroit until he retired in the early thirties and returned to Warwick Village.

It was sometime in the early 1930's that Lew Fenner and John Kirvell made an agreement to trade properties. Lew and his mother went to live in the Old Kenward House next door and Ruth and John Kirvell took over the Old Burns Store. John built a brick vestibule over the west door and sided the lower half of the house in field stone with brick trim around the windows; the upper level was sided with a concoction of sand, plaster and cement, trowelled onto chicken wire over the clapboard, the chicken wire being used for bonding purposes. A sort of lean-to one storey portion was added to the rear of the house, also of field stone with [English Style] double windows that opened out from the centre.

Ruth Kirvell was a practical nurse and her patients were probably local people needing temporary help. They also provided a kind of rooming house for several years and just before her health failed, she planned on opening a tea room in the front of the house where the old store had been. The sign for this was found in the attic twenty five years later. John's work was somewhat seasonal and there is a picture of the two of them with a '20s automobile in which they used to go to Florida in the winter.

Ruth Kirvell passed away in 1938 and John lived on in the house for a few years, having some of his bricklaying helpers living in part of the house, Clarence Harper being one; there were others. John decided to retire, so it was rented as a residence, Resident dwellers were Bill and Annie Turner and Elva Ferguson and her family. Eventually, John went to stay at Mrs. Parker's Rest

Home in Watford. He lived there for a few years until he passed away in 1954.

The home and property were bequeathed to Mrs. Parker as payment for his care and she converted the house into four apartments. Some of the apartment dwellers included Glen and Olive Pembleton, Norm and Rena Turner, Bob and Joyce Turner, Gerry and Liz Spencer and towards the last, several short term dwellers. The apartment venture was not a successful one. It was vacant for a year before being sold in 1961 to Pearl and Bill Coristine.

The rear portion of the downstairs was gutted and renovated by Russ Watson Construction and the carpenters, Cliff Sisson and Ken Holbrook that he had helping him at that time, as a self-contained apartment for Mrs. Coristine and the basement lowered enough to accommodate a forced air oil furnace and the utilities of a hot water tank and pressure system. [The existing basement, before the renovations, contained the only indoor swimming pool there was in Warwick at that time] Bill has done considerable renovations to their home over a period of years.

Years bring changes, so there is a footnote to this account since it was first written. Although Bill, whose given name, incidentally, is Willard and who became a senior citizen in 1991, still lives here, his mother, Pearl Coristine, passed away in February of 1994 in her 98th year.

THE JOHN AND RUBY SMITH HOME
[7000 London Line]

John and Ruby Smith

My grandfather inherited the Old O'Dell House and property which consisted of Lots #4 and 5 on the west side of George Street and parts [because of #7 Highway angling across) of Lots # 19, 20 and 21 on the north side of Mereden Street. When my grandfather, Stewart Smith, passed away, I was bequeathed the home and property subject to a share to my four brothers.

Rather than trying to renovate our old home where we had raised our family, [with Mr. Chamberlain, our builder's advice] we decided to build a new home on the Mereden Street Lots to the west of the Old House. In May of 1973, Ruby and I moved into our new home built by Mr. Chamberlain who lived west of the Village on the Egremont Road towards Highway #21. Ours is a one storey home with a full size storage, 1/2 basement, heated by Hydro and Heat Pump, which also serves us with air conditioning in the summer.

There has been little change since the house was built but we decided on a change of colour and new pale gray siding was installed. Since discontinuing the use of the shed on the Lot #4 George Street Property, as a garage, we had no protection for the car near the house so we had a free-standing, pre-made carport put in place, back slightly and to the east of the side entrance of the house. We had the driveway gravelled from the highway to the back of the carport with chip stone.

This snap-shot was taken after the new vinyl siding was installed:



There is a family story and history of the Old O'Dell house in the following chapter that deals with all the old homes that have been removed over the years, those that no longer exist in Warwick Village, except in memory.

THE FRANK KENWARD PROPERTY [7012 London Line]

Willi and Martin Van Kessel

Something of the history of this new home of Willi and Martin Van Kessel has already been noted as a follow-up to the present Willemse home on 9 sideroad that Willi and Martin built a number of years ago and the preceding history of this property will follow in the chapter that deals with houses that have been removed or demolished.

However, it would seem appropriate to mention that this home, designed in a modern English Tudor styling is beautifully set above the flats overlooking Spring Creek after it passes under # 7 Highway. The rear view from the home overlooks the flats towards the Warwick Conservation Lake which can be seen from the gazebo to the rear and east side of the house.

A curved flagstone figured driveway approaches the house from # 7 Highway between lighted gate posts, the house set well back on the lot. Ornamental trees to the front of the home and foundation shrubs and flowers brighten the entrance. Foundation plantings of shrubs and bright geraniums surround the gazebo at the rear of the home and a brick patio connects the house and gazebo with an implement shed, also brightened with geraniums in window boxes and foundation borders.

The flats and a path that Martin keeps mowed leads back along the creek to the lake both sides of the path rampant with natural growth and flowering weeds.

THE OLD SCHOOLHOUSE PROPERTY

James and Becky Jaques

[London Line]

This red brick home has been noted with the history of the Old School Property, leaving off with owners the Kevin McKinlay Family. As recently as late 1993, the property has been sold once more, this time to the Jaques Family, the present owners.

THE OLD SCHOOLHOUSE PROPERTY

Jack and Betty Martin

[7039 London Line]

This small white frame home has also been dealt with, built on the east half of the Old School Property, but the Martin Family are the latest residents in this home that has had a recent face-lift with tasteful touches that has improved the outward appearance to a remarkable degree. As above, there is a property reference.

BILL'S GAS AND VARIETY

Bill and Sherry Turner Family

[7061 London Line]

This business / residence combination has been noted previously along with the preceding history in connection with the Maple Grove Hotel and the succeeding Gas Bar and Lunch Room.

GOODHAND'S GARAGE /WARWICK LAWN ORNAMENTS

Pete Ferwerda

[7067 London Line]

The history of this home and property now belonging to Pete Ferwerda has been covered in two previous accounts, under the above Goodhand's Garage on Lot #4, S.E.R., Town of Warwick Survey which seems to have been the first known activity on that lot between the Humphries Carriage Works property and the Maple Grove Hotel, the second under Warwick Lawn Ornaments

THE HUMPHRIES CARRIAGE WORKS /WARWICK GARAGE

Pete and Jean O'Neil

[7069 London Line]

The history of this property on Lots #1, 2 and 3, S.E.R., Town of Warwick Survey has been covered previously under the accounts of the two above named businesses since the present day residence has evolved from these two activities.

THE ABBOTT HOME

Ron and Sharon Clark

[6213 Egremont Road]

The home that stands in the "V" property where the Egremont Road and #7 Highway diverge in the centre of the Village is one of the older existing residences having been the home of Adrian and Victoria Abbott. The main part of the house is of log and timber frame and judging from the style of the home and the first known owners, it was probably built sometime in the 1860's.

According to the Abbott monument in the United Church Cemetery, 9 sideroad, Adrian Abbott was born April 13, 1841 and died March 1st, 1896 and Victoria Abbott was born July 17, 1838 and died January 31st, 1894.

After the Abbotts lived here, the home became the property of the Steele Family and when the parents passed away was bequeathed to Annie Steele who became Mrs. John Majury. The

Majurys lived here for several years. Emily Majury was born here in 1901. Mrs. Majury passed away in 1933 and Mr. Majury in 1935. Some relatives of Emily came to live with her and they stayed a year or so. It was then decided that Emily should go and live in a home in Toronto. Emily lived there for the rest of her life, passing away in 1984.

William [Billie] Manicom and his wife Elizabeth lived here in the late 1930's. The house and property was purchased by George Moore in 1940. George and Pearl Moore lived here until 1952 when they purchased the home just across the Egremont Road, the estate of William Clark, a retired Forest Creamery employee, the house and property sold by auction in 1962. The Moore's moved to this home which was heated by an electrically operated oil furnace thus eliminating the need to hunt wood to burn since George was no longer able to do this chore. The Abbott home was sold to Clare Stewart who, with his friend, Esther Dowling, lived here for about two years. Clare and Esther left and the house remained vacant for a short time until it was bought by Roy and Irene Barnes in 1965. The Barnes couple lived here until Mr. Barnes' death in 1979. At that time, the home was purchased by Ron and Sharon Clark. The Clarks have renovated the house and with landscaping and gardening, have done an excellent job with the work involved. Ron and Sharon with their children, Tracy and Michael still lived here at the present time.

THE MORRIS STORE PROPERTY

The Duplex

This property, Lot 12, S.E.R., Town of Warwick Survey has a history dating back to quite early times but a few more interesting details follow on the next page.

[Since the old Morris buildings are just a memory now, it might be appropriate at this time to mention that along the side facing onto Highway #7, a red brick structure, some of the bricks of which were used in the new Duplex, the wall contained two sets of French Doors that were absolutely elegant in their design]

There seemed to be a problem that if the old building was demolished, there wouldn't be a building permit issued for the construction of something new. The old Morris Store was very close to Highway property as well as being practically on Guy Street, a technicality that was quite neatly got around by never tearing down anything completely at any one time but the results were that an entirely new structure, as if by magic, arose on the site of the Old Morris Store and Home.

OLIVE AND GLEN PEMBLETON

[6213 Guy Street]

This house and property was mentioned previously.

Paul and Denise Clark

JAMES COUGHLIN / A.W. DANN

[6217 Guy Street]

The history of this home was mentioned previously.

Terry and Brenda Harper

THE WARWICK APARTMENTS Glen Pembleton / Allan and Betty Minielly—Owners
Details of the building of this structure may be found on pages 156 and 293

THE JOHN AND SHARON FERWERDA HOME
[6193 Digby Street]

John and Sharon Ferwerda

The home of John and Sharon Ferwerda was built in 1991 and 1992 on Lot #7, north of Mereden Street. John and Sharon with their family of four, Andrea, Jessica, Jonathan and Charlene, all attending school, moved into their new home in 1992. John operates a woodlot to the rear of the property, engaged in this type of work before coming to Warwick. Sharon is a homemaker.

THE TOM AND VICKIE PEMBLETON HOME
[7044 Mereden Street]

Allan and Mary Eastman

The home of Allan and Mary Eastman, located on Lot #8, north of Mereden Street, Town of Warwick Survey, was built by Tom Pembleton as a home for himself and his family. Tom and Vickie lived here until 1980 when it was sold to Allan and Mary Eastman who, with their family, Tami and Vanessa, both pre-schoolers, live here at the present time. Allan is a carpenter employed by McDermid Enterprises and Mary is an R.N. [1993]

THE GLEN AND OLIVE PEMBLETON HOME
[7040 Mereden Street]

Olive Pembleton

The origin of this home is recounted previously.

THE HOMES OF WARWICK VILLAGE

THAT HAVE BEEN REMOVED

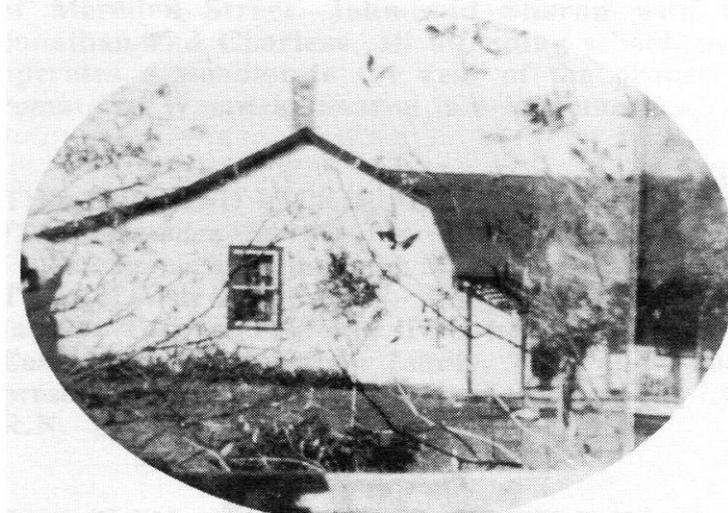
OR

REPLACED

Note: While property in the form of lots in Warwick Village remains constant, some of the buildings that were originally built on them have been moved, demolished, burned or renovated beyond recognition. Those that have been renovated have been accounted for in this story of Warwick Village, but some of the ones that no longer exist have not. This chapter will address itself to that omission.

THE HOME OF JOHN J. AND ETHEL SMITH

The home, located on Lot #7 and 8, N.E.R., Rogers Survey, Warwick Village, was purchased by John and Ethel Smith from John O'Dell in 1913 or 1914. The home was previously occupied by the Bentley Family and later by the Fitzgibbon Family. John and Ethel lived here until 1924. They had a family of four at that time; John T., Jean, George [Chappie] and Stewart, all born here. John and Ethel traded the home and property with John's Father and Mother, Stewart and Ellen for the Maple Grove Hotel. Stewart and Ellen lived here until December 31st, 1932 when my Grandmother, Ellen passed away; my Grandfather came to live at the Maple Grove Hotel. The home was rented to Kate Tinsley and her two sons, Richard [Dick] and Howard. The Tinsleys resided here until about 1945. The home remained vacant for a year or so, then Lloyd and Jean Smith with Ronny and Jim moved in about 1946. Lloyd and Jean and their family lived here until 1960 [Larry was born at this time] when Lloyd and Jean moved to Exeter. The property and home belonged to the John J. Estate so by some wheeling and dealing by my brother, Stewart Smith, Stewart became the owner of the house and property.



The house built on Lot #7 and #8, N.E.R., where John and Ethel Smith lived from 1913-1924 and where Stewart and Ellen Smith lived until 1932.

People who lived in the home included Bob and Velda George and Dave and Sheila Turner. Some other people lived here as well but I've forgotten their names. Stewart decided not to rent anymore, so the home, woodshed, stable, garage, and outhouse were taken down and removed; anything re-useable was stored at John's, Chap's or Tooley's. Then Stewart had a new modern home built in 1966. Stewart lived in the new home until 1972 when he sold it to Lloyd and Ruth Quick. Lloyd and Ruth lived here until 1982 when they sold it to the present owners, Reta and Hubert Vossen.

THE HOME OF ALFRED AND MAY SMITH

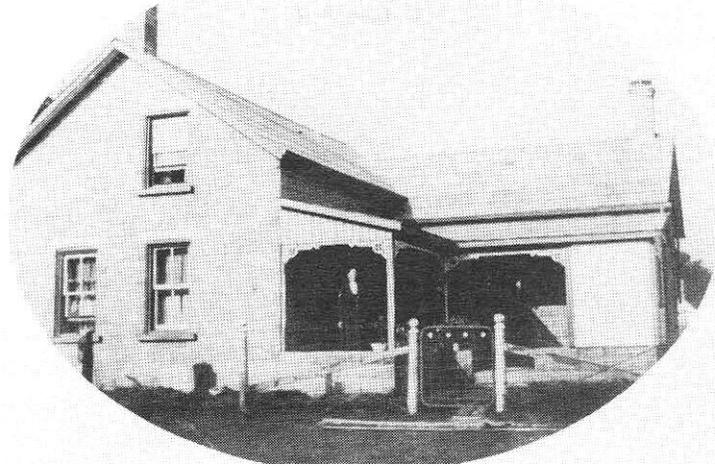
The last tenants in this home were Alfred and May Smith, the house located on the property of Lots #6, 7 and 8, west of George Street, now owned by John and Johanna Van Diepen this only a part of what was once a much larger farming area that included most of the planned lots and streets south of the built on area of the Village. Stewart and Ellen Smith lived there for several years; the owner, Benjamin Morrison leased the property to Stewart Smith and remained with the Smiths as a boarder, When Mr. Morrison passed away, he died intestate so Stewart Smith purchased the home and property from the only heir [1906] David Morrison for the sum of \$1. and assuming the responsibility for the mortgage on the property. Stewart and Ellen lived there until 1916 when they purchased the Maple Grove Hotel. Alfred Smith and May Barnes married in June of 1917 and they lived in the house, Alf, until his care was too much for May and he became a resident of Twilight Haven in Petrolia and died in 1966, May continuing to live in the home until her death in 1982. My brother, Stewart Smith purchased all the property except the lots where the home was located [1967]

Stewart Smith sold all the property that he bought, the three lots facing Mereden Street and #7 Highway and all the lots and street allowances east of 9 sideroad to Dougal Janes of Sarnia. [These lots and street allowances which comprised the farm that belonged to Alf and May were the southern blocks of land laid out as The Town of Warwick but were never developed]

It was shortly thereafter that the St. Clair Conservation Authority became interested in developing the area as a lake and camping grounds much as had already been installed at Coldstream with reforestation on a small scale to boot and so, Dougal Janes sold what he had just purchased to them. The Conservation Lake covers much of the area of that property once owned by Alfred and May Smith.

Once the Conservation Area took over the property, many trees were planted on the lots just to the south of #7 Highway and it is this property that they sold in 1992 to Allan and Manda Vansteenkiste who are building their new home in this well-treed area

The executor of May Smith's estate put the house and property up for sale and it was purchased by John and Johanna Van Diepen, the old house was demolished 'and the Van Diepens have built a new ranch style home on those lots #6, #7 and #8, west of George Street.



The house on Lots #6, #7 and #8, west of George Street where Stewart and Ellen Smith lived until 1916. [Ellen is standing on the porch]. From 1917 the home was occupied by Alfred and May Smith.

THE HOME OF JOHN AND RUBY SMITH 1940-1973

John and Ruby Smith's home was originally a three room house owned by John O'Dell. Mr. O'Dell moved this home onto Lot #22, south of Mereden Street from the corner of the Egremont Road and 27 sideroad and after a few years, he moved it again to Lot #5, west of George Street, this move in 1922. Mr. O'Dell passed away in 1927. My Grandfather inherited the home and property which consisted of Lots #4 and 5 on the west side of George Street and parts of Lots # 19, 20 and 21 on the north side of Mereden street. My Grandfather, Stewart Smith passed away in 1938 and I, John T. Smith, was bequeathed the home and property subject to a payoff to my four brothers.

It remained a three bedroom house until 1943 when a two bedroom additon was built to the north side in 1945. The home remained a five room home until 1952 when a three bed space plus space for a future bathroom was added by means of a one-half storey addition above and building a Gambrel Roof which was constructed after the old roof was removed.

When our new home, built to the west of the old house on the Mereden Street Lots, was completed in May of 1973, Ruby and I moved from the old house into our new one.



Our New Home as It Appeared in May of 1973 when We Moved In

My brother, Stewart, moved into the old house in June of 1973, living here until he moved to London in September of 1979. The house remained empty until the summer of 1984 when it was decided to take the old house down; the siding, the sheathing, doors and windows being used to renovate the shed, workshop, whatever.



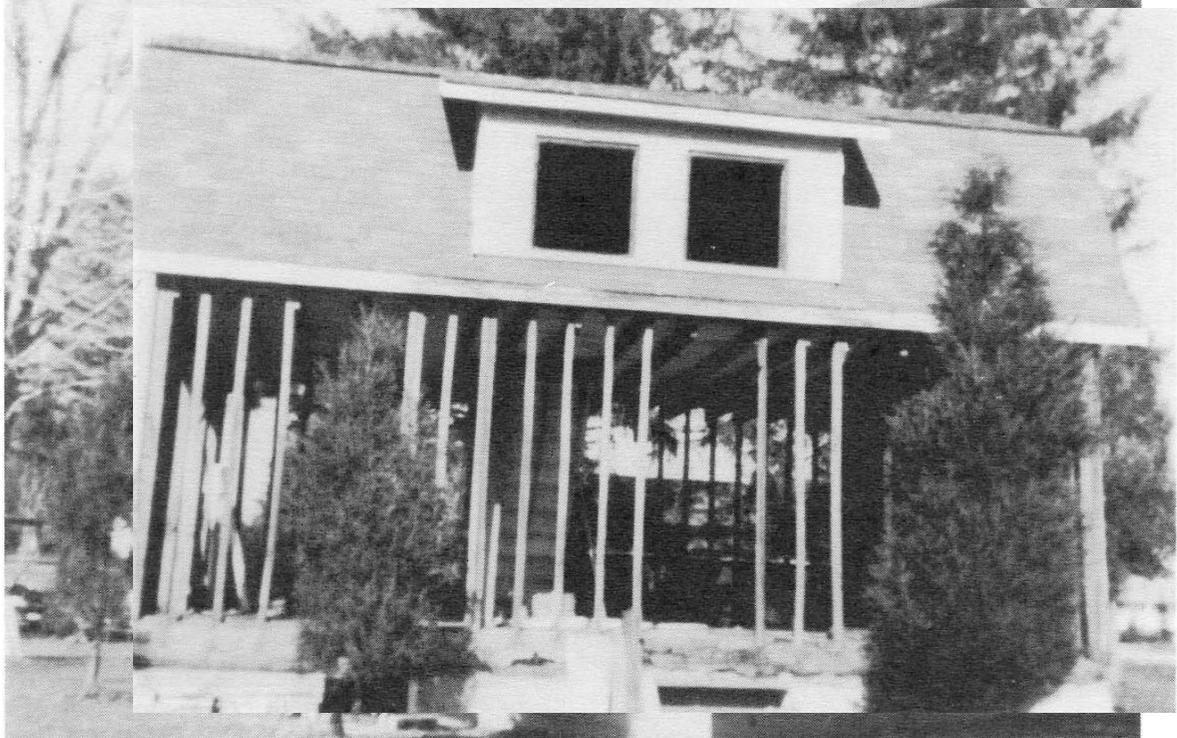
The Job Begins:

My grandsons, Jamie Inglis and Jeff Evans helped take the house down. Greg and Ron Evans removed the chimney and all the scrap material was thrown into the basement through a hole cut in the floor of the main room. We set fire to the scraps that were left and had a really good fire going to provide an ending to the old house. Paul Van Bree bull-dozed and removed the foundation and basement walls, hauled in fill and top soil and levelled it off.

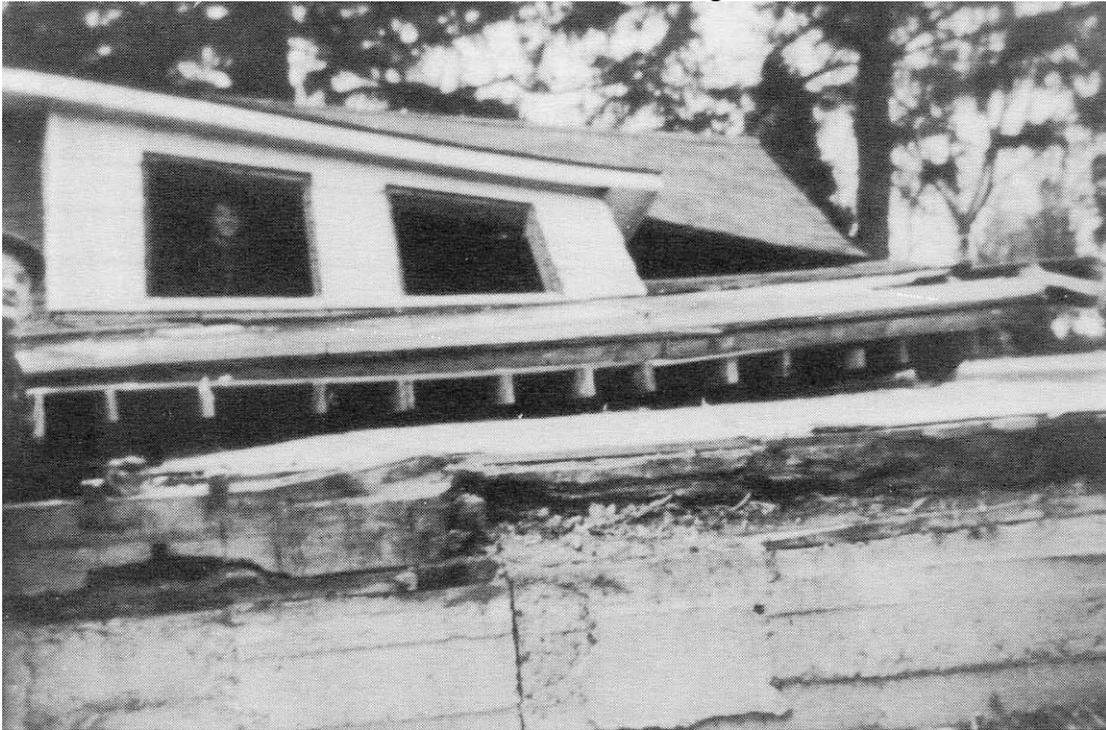


The Framing Begins to Show:

And Show a Little More:



And the Walls Came Tumbling down:



Jeff Gets "Framed" in the Window while "Gramps" Looks on:



Now We Have Only Those Snap-shots of the Old House to Reminisce about [1992] Ruby Standing Beside the Tulip Garden:



Our Old Home – There Are Still So Many Memories of Family Events:



THE HOME OF JAMES [JIMMY] SMITH

The home of Jimmy Smith, located on Lot #4 east of George Street, was purchased by Jim after his home on 9 sideroad was sold to A.W. [Bertie] Dann who moved the house onto Lot #13, S.E.R. This transaction took place about 1926. People that I remember living in the house on Lot 4 east of George Street were Phoebe and Bert Prince and their family, then Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Blunt and their family then Mr. and Mrs. T.W. Clark and their grand-daughter, Margaret Jackson. Mr. Clark was a log buyer, purchasing timber in this immediate area. Larry and Ellen Roberts and their family followed the Clarks as residents as well as Mr. and Mrs. Bertie Dann and their family.

When the Danns moved to their home, purchased in 1926, was when Jimmy moved all his worldly goods into this house, including an old Autoharp! He often referred to this Harp! "What about that Harp!" he would always say, when questioned about his belongings. Jim continued to live here for several years. In later years, his sister, Annie would take him to live with her during the winter months. Annie and her husband Cleve Watterworth lived in Kingsville. In 1955, the Department of Highways were rebuilding #7 Highway and since the old house was too close to the roadway, they bought it, alerted the fire department and then set it afire, thus ending the story of Jim's old home. Jim slept in the stable for the rest of the summer but as the weather got colder, his sister Annie came and took him to live with them for the rest of his days. Jim died in 1966.



At left, Jimmy, a familiar figure along Hwy #7.

Note: Just to the north of Jimmy Smith's home was another house, considered to be one of the older homes in Warwick Village, the time of its building back beyond anyone's memory and the following account deals with that house and property.

ALEXANDER STEWART / THE PRINCE HOME

Allan and Betty Minielly

Alex Stewart had an auction sale selling everything, including his home, so that he could move to Sarnia to be near his daughter Clarissa, Mrs. Bert Barnes and his son, Robert [Bob] Stewart about 1918 or 1919.

Bert and Phoebe Prince were the successful bidders for the house and property. Bert and Phoebe lived here for several years—Betty and Bill were born here. Bert and Phoebe had a family which included Mary, now a widow, residing in North Lambton Rest Home Her husband was Dan Passingham of Plympton Township. Other family was Jennie, Mrs. James Benson of Sarnia who is deceased, Gertie, who died in 1928 and Jack, now living near Reece's Corners and Jim living in the Bright's Grove area; Betty, another daughter, is Mrs. Harry Cooper of Sarnia and another

son, Bill is now living near Reece's Corners as well. Bert and Phoebe lived here until all the family had married and moved away and then they too moved first to Sarnia and then, to Reece's Corners.

The home was rented to Roy [Ben] and Anna Dann for a year or so about 1947 and then sold to Norm and Rina Turner who lived here until 1951 when it was sold to Stewart Smith who in turn, sold it to Wolbe and Pietje Bylsma who, with their family, Trientje, Auke and Benke, lived here for a few years at which time, it was sold to Angus Campbell of Forest. Mr. Campbell was speculating and so it was sold, almost immediately, to Walt and Norma Turner in 1955. Walt, Norma and their family, John, Doug and Bill, lived here until 1973 when it was sold to Gwen and Lyle Willer. Lyle and Gwen lived here until Lyle's death in 1979 when it was sold to Martin and Willi Van Kessel. Martin removed the old house with the intentions of building another home but there was not enough space for the large home the Van Kessels wanted. They sold the property to Allan and Betty Minielly whose apartment property it adjoins, this taking place in 1989. As yet [1994] the property remains vacant.

THE MAUD AND WILLIAM [WIDDY] SMITH HOME

The first house, located on Lot #23, south of Mereden Street on Highway #7 in Warwick Village, was a shanty Widdy moved onto the lot that Jack Touey had lived in at one time and that Joe Smith, Widdy's father had owned, moving it to the back of the property when he bought and moved a house from the Ridley Estate [the farm between the Ralph Runnalls place and the Blake Perry farm on the Egremont road] onto this lot. Widdy and Maud lived here for several years but when they parted, the house was rented. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Grondin and Shirley resided here for a few years followed by the Muxiow family. Mrs. Ellen Roberts lived here for perhaps two years. When Widdy died, the home was sold to Ken Mansfield who moved the house to Lot #2 east of Guy Street, but since nothing was ever done with it, the building was demolished.

The Lot #23 property was eventually sold to Syd and Jane Fletcher in 1975. The house and property has passed through several hands since then but at present Neil and Tina Veeke own the property.

THE OLD KENWARD PLACE

The property consisted of part of Lot 4, and all of 5 west of Guy Street and Lots 13, 14, 15 and 16 north of Mereden Street and Lot 5 [most of which lies under #7 Highway] east of George Street. The house was originally built for Frank Kenward, one of the early school teachers in the Old Village School House on the other side of Spring Creek. Jim and Lou Brush lived here at one time until the property was bought about 1920 by John and Ruth Kirvell. The Kirvells, John a brick-layer, lived here for several years, vacationing during the winter in Florida. They purchased a new car as transportation with George Hall, a summer employee of John's, as their chauffeur.

After about ten years [1929] they traded houses with Llewellyn [Lew] Fenner, the adjoining property owner of the Old Burns Store. Mrs. Kirvell wanted to start a tea room and tourist home, since the automobile was bringing American tourists through this part of the province on #7 Highway and the traffic was increasing year by year.

Lew Fenner, whose profession was dentistry [in Detroit] lost heavily in the 1929 stock market crash and as his Father had died and his Mother was getting too old to live alone, he decided to come back to Warwick in semi-retirement and the advantage of a smaller home was appealing. He continued to live here in the Kenward house after the death of his Mother, helping his brothers in the 1930's on their Warwick farms, his sister, Rebe, who worked in Detroit, visiting frequently.



In November of 1965, Lew was asphyxiated by a faulty oil furnace. The Coristines, Bill and his Mother, living next door on Lots 17 and 18, Mereden Street, bought the property from the Fenner Estate, mostly because of the difficulty of establishing lot lines in Warwick Village. In this case the line between the two properties ran through the back kitchen that John Kirvell had built onto the Old Burns House. After a modest renovation and cleaning from the smoke damage, the house was rented to a sister of Mrs. Coristine, Mrs. Mamie Morgan, who made her home here for several years. At Mrs. Morgan's death, the house was rented to Linda Kettle and Charlene Muxlow, a great niece of Pearl Coristine's who, with their dogs and cats and their friends lived there for a couple of years. The combined properties became a bit much, about an acre all told, some of it difficult terrain to keep tidy, and the property was sold to Ron Kapala.

Before selling, the combined properties were divided differently, such that a lot and a half, Lot 16 and 1/2 of 15, [divided diagonally] was taken from the original Fenner portion and added to the westerly Lots 17 and 18, thus solving the property line dilemma.

Ron Kapala began by tearing the house down, mostly from the bottom and when this became a bit much, called in Ralph Harper who would finish the job for the salvage. Ralph had proceeded with the work to the point where he had much of the material piled to one side. Unfortunately, he was not there the day Ron decided to burn the scrap that had accumulated. Everything caught fire, including the material that Ralph had piled up, plus a hundred year old pine tree to the front

of the house that went up like a torch. Spectacular!

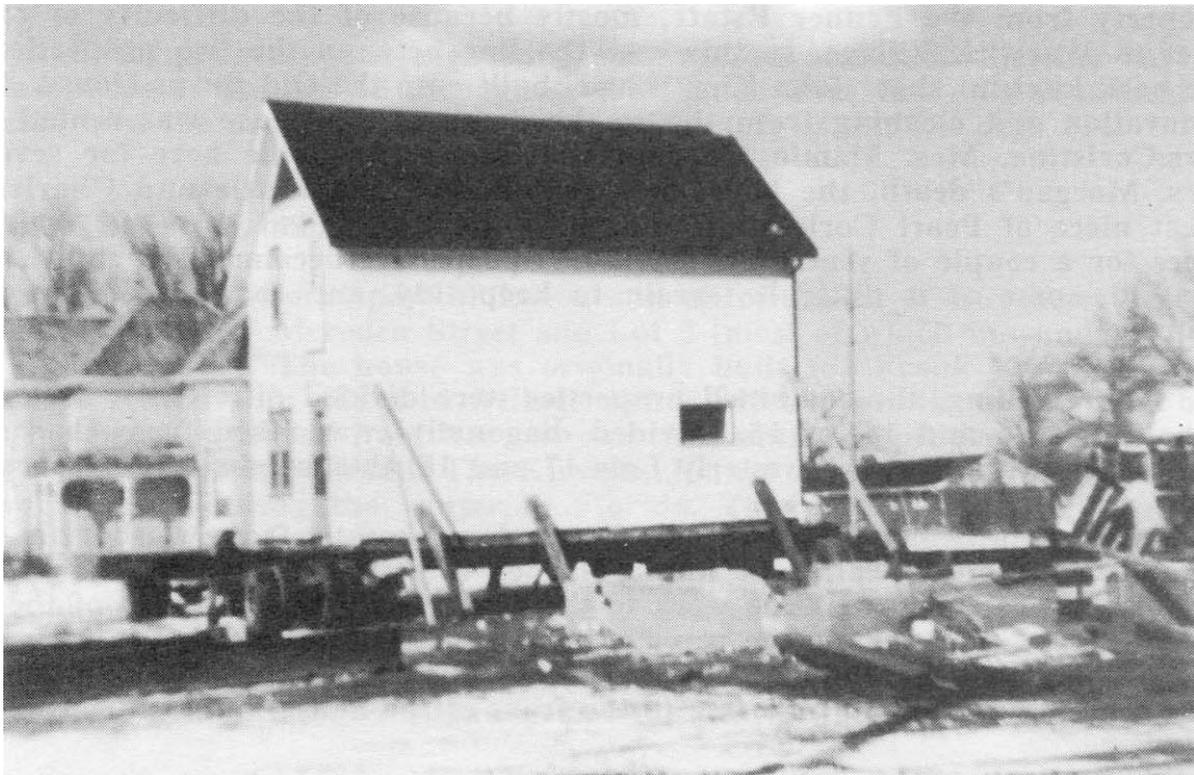
Ron's next effort was to tear down the shed at the back of the property. After everything had been removed, he was unable to finance the building of anything to replace what he had demolished. He sold the property to Adrian Vermieren [probably at a loss] who held it for a few years until he sold it to his partner, Martin Van Kessel.

Martin and Willy have built themselves a beautiful home on a superbly landscaped lot that sweeps down to Spring Creek which runs along the property line to the east.

Note: It would seem that "portable" homes have been nothing new in Warwick Village since the earliest times when homes were moved as many as three times to different locations. More recent relocations have been the frame Falloon Home and quite recently, the Long Inman Home prior to the use of the property by the township.

THE FALLOON HOME

This property which held two houses belonging to the Falloon Family from the earliest times, was purchased by John Van Diepen. The brick house was demolished and the reclaimed brick used when the new Van Diepen Home was built on George Street in the early 1990's. The frame home was moved off in 1978 to make way for the Nursery and Apple Retail and Cold Storage Building and found its new location on Elizabeth Street as did the Long / Inman Home at a later time. The original position of the Falloon Houses may be seen in the background where the sandlot baseball game is shown in the Chapter on Receptions.



Off its Foundation, in readiness to be moved onto Elizabeth Street.

Standing By:



The Van Diepen Retail Outlet is Built on the Former Falloon Property.



The Frame Falloon Home, Renovated and in Its New Location on Elizabeth Street:



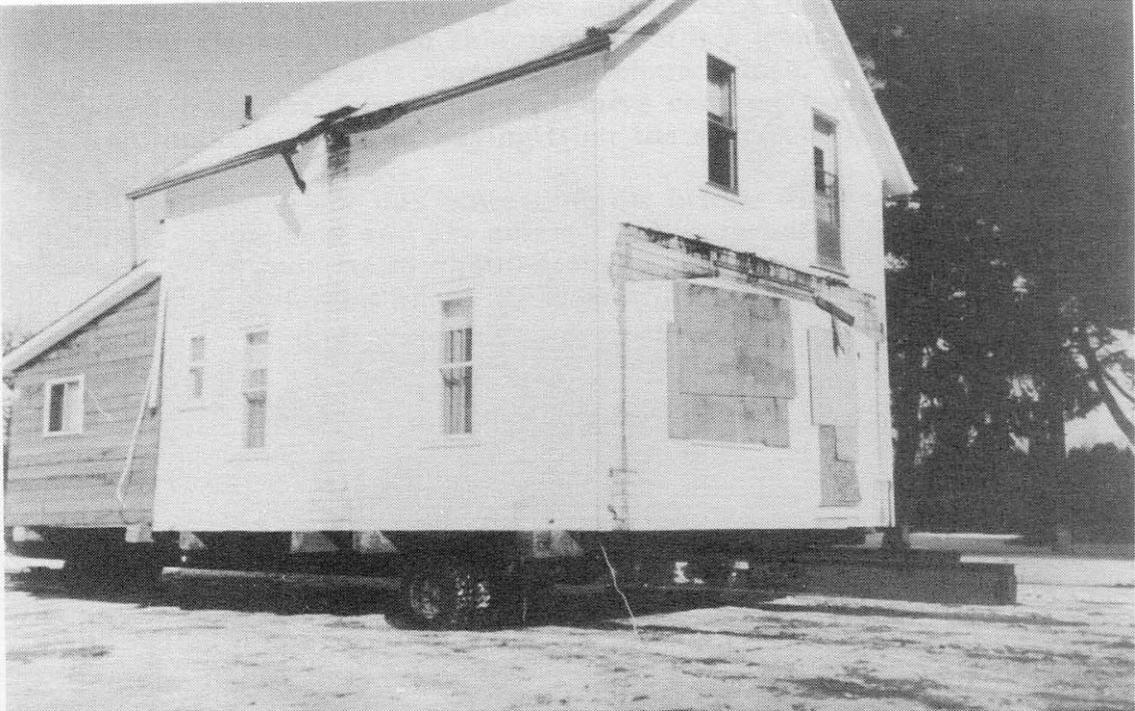
ANOTHER HOUSE ON THE MOVE: THE LONG / INMAN HOME (below)

The story of this home has been told in a preceding Chapter but with the sale of the property to Warwick Township and the resulting purchase of the home by Brad McCann, its removal onto a lot to the north of its original location provides some interesting pictures as to the moving and the renovation that took place.

The Chimneys and the Porches have been Removed and the "I" Beams are in Place:



The Building is Off Its Foundation and the "I" Beams have Acquired Wheels:



On Its Way to Elizabeth Street:



A Picture of The Renovated Home: Looking Perky with New Siding and an Acquired Porch, the OLD LONG HOME Gets a Fresh Start:



Note: Apart from the homes and industrial buildings that have been demolished and are no more, sometimes there is an outstanding structure in the locality that is neither, but that once existed. Such is the case with the "Auld Bridge" which is the subject of the following account.

THE AULD BRIDGE

The Auld Bridge, a Warwick Township landmark, was constructed in September of 1897 as a crossover from 12 sideroad over the upper branch of Bear Creek to Robert Auld's farm which was situated between the present day #7 Highway and the 2nd Concession, N.E.R.

Robert Auld brought the concept of the bridge from England, the idea originating after he had made a return visit. He engaged a Mr. A. Love, a Brick-layer and Stonemason from Forest [who was familiar with this type of construction] to build it for him. The bridge was built at the front entrance to Mr. Auld's farm, spanning Bear Creek near the Old Mill Dam.

The location of the bridge was Lot 13, Concession 1, east of 12 sideroad, north of Highway #7. The dimensions of the bridge were 40 ft. x 18 ft., the abutments were of stone, the two arches built of brick. It was an excellent job of construction by Mr. Love and his crew as the bridge lasted better than those ones that have been built across this stream in other locations.

During the many years of its existence, artists and photographers have come to visit and record this sight, artists to paint pictures and photographers to record its setting in their medium.

I well recall the time I was working on this same farm in 1933 for Andrew [Peck] Auld a son of Robert Auld] picking and packing apples of which he owned a 30 acre orchard in the prime of its production. These apples were mostly Northern Spy, considered to be the best for keeping and shipping and still a good apple today, competing comfortably with many of the new varieties developed since. A large portion of the crop was sold right from the farm with customers coming, as they still do in many places today, for the satisfaction of buying from the source of the produce.

I overheard a conversation one day concerning the bridge when a lady came to buy a bushel of apples from Mr. Auld and she commented on "what a lovely bridge it was." She then questioned Mr. Auld as to "how strong it was" and his reply was "HEZZ!! that bridge would carry the Grand Trunk Railroad!!"



However, as the years passed, time took its toll. The ice jams and the spring flooding of the creek worked its way behind the abutments and loosened the mortar between the brick and stones and by the time T.W. Govenlock purchased the Auld Farm in 1936, he had to have extensive repairs done. New cement head walls and cement poured around the abutments was necessary for added support and stability during flooding and the brick arches and headwalls were given a careful repointing of the mortar joints at the same time.

Lloyd Quick purchased the farm in 1947 and after a few years, when once more, because of the flood damage in the spring, the bridge needed attention, more cement was poured around the abutments. Unfortunately, this wasn't successful. To preserve the bridge as it had been would have meant dismantling the whole structure and rebuilding.

This would have been very costly. The continuing depredations of the spring floods undermined the whole structure and finally it collapsed, sometime in the 1960's, falling into Bear Creek, the author of its demise. Such is the story of an Old Warwick Landmark that has passed from the scene.



A few waterlines dot the surface of Bear Creek but the leaves are gone from the thorn tree and only a scattering of berries is left as gray clouds threaten an early snow in late October of 1994.

**PEOPLE I REMEMBER
LIVING IN WARWICK VILLAGE**

ANTONE	Annie	Widow }	
	Mary	Spinster } Native Indian Family	
	Noah	Student }	
ARMSTRONG	Dave	Laborer }	
	William	Mechanic	
	Mrs	Housewife	
	Edmund	Student	
ATKINSON	George	Student	
	Robert [Bob]	Retired Farmer	
	Sarah	Spinster	
	Victor	Mechanic Veteran [1939-1945]	
	Bert	Garage and Bulldozer Operator	
BARNES	Mrs.	Housewife and Lunch Room Operator	
	Sydney	Farmer	
	Mary	Housewife	
	Harold	Truck Driver	
	Mildred	Mrs. Blake Stoner	
	Wilfred	Laborer [Androck]	
	Gerald	Laborer [Imperial Oil]	
	Elva	Spinster [Sarnia]	
	Lloyd	Town Clerk [Watford]	
	Doris	Mrs. George Edwards	
	Bernard [Timmy]	Farmer and School Custodian / Veteran [1939-1945]	
		Victor	Teamster
		Elsie	Housewife
	Roy	Retired Mueller Brass	
BARNES	Irene	Housewife.	
	Roy	Mueller Retiree	
	Irene	Housewife	
BARNES	Mr.	Gas Station/ Lunch Counter Operator	
	Mrs.	Housewife	
BARTLEY	William [Billy]	Sharecropper with Robert Laws	
	Martha	Housewife	
	Ruby	Spinster	
	Chester	Student	
BERDAN	Ivan	Student	
	John	Sharecropper with Robert Laws	
	Mrs.	Housewife	
BETTRIDGE	William	Custodian	
BLAIN	Elizabeth [Waller]	Housewife	
	William [Bill]	Retired Farmer	
BLUNT	Mina	Housewife	
	William [Bill] Sr.	Brick Layer / Veteran 1914 to 1918	
	Mabel	Housewife [English War Bride 1919]	
	Marjorie	Mrs. Harry Hendricks	
	William [Bill] Jr.	Brick Layer / Veteran [1939-1945]	

	Betty	Housewife [English War Bride 1946]
	Harvey	[Veteran [1939-1945]
	Robert [Bob]	[Veteran [1939-1945]
	Howard	Laborer and Carpenter
	Kathleen	Mrs. Robert [Bob] Jones
	Helen	Mrs. Bruce Main
	Ivor [Oscar]	Laborer
	Margaret Rose	Housewife [employed at N.L.R.H.]
	John [Jack]	Teacher / Chemist
	Sylvia	Mrs. Fred Coates
BLUNT	Charles	Veteran[1914-18][P.O.W.]
	Mrs.	Housewife / War Bride
	Child	Pre-school
	Child	Pre-school
BLUNT	Ivor [Oscar]	Laborer
[Family]	Margaret Rose	Housewife [employed at N.L.R.H.]
	Patricia	Student
	Diane	Student
	David	Student
	Paul	Student
	Dennis	Student
BLUNT	William [Bill]	Bricklayer
[Family]	Betty	Housewife
	William [Bill] Jr.	Fiberglas Employee
[Family]	Mary Jane	Housewife and Waitress
	Richard	Student
	Scott	Student
	Robert [Mike]	Laborer/Bricklayer Lynne Housewife
	Philip	Engineer
BOUDREAU	Charlie	Lunchroom Operator

BRAND	John [Jack]	Veteran [1939-1945] Dry Cleaners Owner
BRAND	Lorraine	Housewife / School Teacher
	William [Billie]	Hwy Construction Inspector [Hwy #7]
	Mrs	Housewife
	Ronald	Pre-school
BROUWER	Yvonne	Pre-school
	Steve	Cami Employee Ingersoll
	Sherry	Housewife
	Brandon	Pre-school
	Gerrit	Pre-school
	Schuyler	Pre-school
BRUSH	James	Garage Operator / Mechanic
	Lucinda [Lu]	Housewife
	Genevieve	Student
	George	Student
	Elaine	Student
	Margaret	Pre-school
	John	Retired
	Louella	Spinster
	Cecil	Retired
	Allan	Clothing Store Operator
BRYCE	Linda	Housewife
	Laura Lee	Pre-school
BURR	Wolbe	Laborer on Construction
	Pietje	Housewife
	Trientje	Student
	Auke	Student
	Biennke	Pre-school
	Harry	Retired School Janitor
CABLE	Lizzie	[Mother] Widow
	Shawn	Laborer
	Tracy	Housewife
CAMERON	Kyrie	Pre-school
	Kylian	Pre-school
	Michael	Farmer
	Sarah	Housewife
CASSIDY	Fred	Farmer
CASSIDY	Pearl	Housewife
CASSIDY	Wilfred	Car Salesman

CLARK	Herman	Butter Maker and Creamery Operator
	Emma	Housewife
	Blanche	Student
	George	Student
	Glen	Pre-school
	Clarence	Pre-school
	Bernice	Infant
CLARK	T. W.	Timber Buyer
	Mrs	Housewife
CLARK	Gordon	Farmer
	Wilma	Housewife
	William [Billie]	Student
	Gerald	Student
	Carol	Mrs Robert Thompson
	Shirley	Mrs Jim Gammon
	Bonnie	
CLARK	William [Bill]	Retired Cream Hauler
	Mrs.	Housewife
CLIFFORD	Robert [Bob]	Retired Salesman B.L.
	Jessie	Domestic
COOK	Lloyd	General Store Operator
	Anna	Housewife
	Jean	Mrs. Don Hollingsworth
	L. S. Jr.	Truck Driver
COOK	Fred	Retired Farmer
[parents of Lloyd]	Matilda [Tillie]	Housewife
COOK	Rev. J. P.	United Church Minister
	Mrs.	Housewife
	John [Jack]	Pre-school
CORISTINE	Pearl	Widow
COSENS	Harold	Electrician / Machinist Garage Operator
	Lola	Housewife / Lunch Room Operator
	Norman	Student / Veteran [1939-1945]
	Marilyn	Student
COX	Alfred N.	Blacksmith
	Mary [Bella] [Morris]	Housewife
	Norton	Laborer [Kelsey Wheel Detroit]
	George	Laborer [DetroitEdison]
DANN	Benjamin Briscom	Cement Contractor
	Mary Ann	Housewife
DANN	A. W. [Bertie]	Cement Worker
	Hazel Marie	Housewife
	Olive	Mrs. Glen Pembleton
	Leroy [Ben]	Cement Worker and Androck Employee
DANN	Leroy	as above
[Family]	Anna	Housewife and Laundry Worker [N.L.R.H.]
	Dale	Student
	Benny	Student

DAUNT	Sandra	Student
	Rev. W. H.	Anglican Rector
	Mrs.	Housewife
DeCLARK	Alphonse	Mechanic / Garage Operator
	Reta	Housewife and Confectionery Stand Operator [Summer months]
DEAN	Alfred	Retired [English]
	Mrs.	Housewife
DeWEERD	Gerry	Retired Farmer
	Mrs.	Housewife
DOLAN	Francis H. [Frank]	Warwick General Store Clerk
	Annie	Housewife and Imperial Poultry Worker
	Francis Henry	Student
	Anne Marie	Student
DOLAN	John W.	Veteran [1939-1945] Androck Employee
DOLAN	Mabel	Widow
DOLAN	Wilfred	Laborer
DOCKSEY	Rev. F. G.	Anglican Rector
	Mrs	Housewife
DOWLING	Esther	Domestic
ELSDON	Rev. J. T.	United Church Minister
	Mrs	Housewife
	Lloyd	Student
	Ruth	Student
	John	Student
ELSDON [Boychuk]	Anastasia [Nellie] Mrs	Clarence Wilkinson
FALLOON	David	Farmer and Garage Operator
	Margaret	Housewife
FALLOON	Ira	Farmer
	Hazel	Housewife
	Lois	Mrs Ed Belanger
FALLOON	Howard	Mechanic and Welder
	Donna	Housewife
	Bruce	Pre-school
FALLOON	Maurice	Farmer / Butcher / Store Keeper
	Lois	Housewife
FAULDS	Ernest	Mechanic and Garage Operator
	Mrs	Housewife
	Margaret	Student
	William [Billie]	Student
	Randall	Pre-school
	John [Jack]	Pre-school
	Gladys	Infant
FENNER	George	Retired Gas Pump Operator /Confectioner
	Emma [Fowler]	Housewife
	Llewellyn George [Lew]	Retired Dentist
	Rebecca [Rebe]	Spinster / Secretary
FLETCHER	Sydney [Syd]	School Teacher and Columnist
	Jane	Housewife and School Teacher
	Marnie	Student

FORD	Kenneth	Student
	Arnold	Retired Imperial Oil Employee
	Margaret	Housewife
FRAYNE	Evelyn	Student
	Ray	Gas station and Lunch Room Operator
	Jean	Housewife
	Joan	Mrs Robert Dunlop
	Ruth Ann	Mrs Eugene Choma
GARSIDE	Steve	Laborer
	Eileen	Housewife
	Kori	Pre-school
	Ashley	Infant
GEORGE	Robert [Bob]	Trucker
	Velda	Housewife and Laundry Worker
	Roxanne	
	Roberta	
	Stephen	
	William [Bill]	Sawmill Operator / Chain Saws/ Lumberman
GOLDHAWK	Beatrice	Housewife and Seamstress
	Elizabeth	Mrs Gerry Spencer
	Allan	Laborer
	Velda	Mrs Bob George
	Gwen	Mrs Wayne Runnalls
	Linda	Mrs Pete Levecque
	Wendy	Mrs J.C. Lester
	Leslie	Student
	LaVerne	Student
	Margaret	Mrs. Eric Thompson
	Jean	Mrs. Stan Clark
GOLDHAWK	Ruby	Mrs. Leland Hart
	Carroll	Canadian Cannery Forest
GOODHAND	[Family]	Mechanic Garage Operator
	Marguerite	Housewife
	Edna	Mrs. Wilson Stewardson
	Elmer [Smokey]	Veteran [1939-1945]/ Laborer
	Wilfred [Whiskers]	Student and Laborer
	Lorne	Veteran [1939-1945] Laborer
	Murray	Mechanic / Automotive Parts Store Forest
	Arnold	Clerk
GUNNE	Elda	Mrs. Lew McGregor
	Malcolm	Retired [bro. of Mrs. Ellen Roberts]
	Charles	Laborer
GUNNE	Alex	Laborer

HAMILTON	Rev George A. Mrs. Mary Michael Timothy [Timmy] William [Bill]	Anglican Rector R. N. and Housewife Student Student Pre-school Retired Farmer
HARPER	Reid	Cash Register Mechanic
HARPER	Linda	Housewife / Sect'y Typist
	Sandra	Pre-school
	Jeffery	Pre-school
HARPER	Louise [Kersey]	School Teacher
HARPER	Gwen [Willer]	Housewife / Androck Employee
HAWKINS	Robert [Bob]	Retired Farmer
	Addie [Janes]	Housewife
HALL	George	Mechanic
HENRY [Native Indian]	Wesley	Woodworker [Axe Handles]
HORST	Fred	Mechanic / Antiques
	Hazel	Housewife
HUTTON	Kathy	N.L.R.H. Employee
INMAN	Ella	Widow
INMAN	Kenneth [Ken]	Veteran [1939-1945] Bricklayer
	Dorothy [Westgate][Carroll]	Housewife
JACKSON	William [Bill]	Miller / Swifts of Canada
	Jean	Housewife
	Sheldon	Laborer
	Sheila	Student [Mrs. Recker]
	Margaret	Student
JACKSON	Leslie	Process Operator
JACKSON	Margaret	Grand-daughter of P.W. Clark
JANES	Ray	General Store Operator
	Amy	Housewife
JANES	Dougall	Student
JONES	Robert [Bob]	Imperial Oil Employee
	Kathleen [Kate]	Housewife / Shoe Store Clerk
JORDAN	Andrew	Salt Works Employee
	Mrs	Housewife
	John	Laborer
JENNINGS	Rev Edgar C. Jean	Anglican Rector Housewife [my Sunday School Teacher]
KARN	John	Pallet Worker
KARR	Robert	Retired Farmer