

According to historian Fred P. Smith, the BASS family came from the Island of Islay, where the name was MacBeth. They located in Scotland and became hereditary physicians to the MacDonalDs. With Sir William Johnston's Highlanders, they came to the Mohawk Valley, and spread out from there, entering Vermont before the Revolution. Still continuing as physicians, Dr. Adonijah MacBass located in the vicinity of Bennington. He died before the war was over, presumably killed while serving with the British Army. At the Battle of Bennington, their home was so close to the battlefield that stray bullets were striking their dwelling. The mother and three children hid in the cellar for safety. Joseph, the eldest, was 8 years of age then.

The two brothers, sons of DR. MacBASS, and his wife LYDIA DRAPER, came to Canada on foot, directly to Lots 10 and 11, Concession 4, Augusta, in the early summer of 1789, camping the first night there beside a large rock on the part of Lot 11 which became the farm of HARPER O. BASS. JOSEPH CHURCH BASS was 18 and JOHN BASS 16 at that time. It is not certain how they obtained this land, but there is a document in the Ontario Archives which shows a grant of 200 acres to Joseph, and a petition in the Ottawa Archives, signed by John Bass in 1790. Each of these young men had \$300 when they came to Augusta, and this is probably the answer. During the summer of 1789 they worked preparing for the arrival of their family and livestock, and in the Fall they returned to Vermont to bring their mother, sister and household effects by ox-sled, driving the cattle, and crossing the St. Lawrence before breakup. The deeds for these lots were made to Joseph, possibly because he was the elder, and are dated 1802.

JOSEPH BASS (1771-1859) settled at Windmill Point, and married SARAH LAKINS. JOHN BASS (1774-1852) stayed with his mother and sister HANNAH BASS in Augusta, and wed HANNAH LAKINS. These sisters were daughters of JOHN LAKINS, described as a staunch Loyalist, living near Merrickville. Another daughter married WILLIAM WOOD, who had a lumber mill on Concession 2, north of Maitland. The road from Merrickville to the front at this time was merely a blazed trail, ending at the Blue Church. The Lakins family later settled in Adolphustown. HANNAH BASS, the sister, married JAMES MARTIN, and their farm on the Charleville Road was later owned by the Durant family.

Dr. Adonijah Bass, Jr., son of Joseph, had a sister who wed JOHN WELLS, a name familiar at Windmill Point. John's family were: ROSANNAH, ELIZABETH, JOSEPH, LYDIA, SAMUEL, JONATHAN, DAVID, JAMES, WILLIAM, JUSTUS, SARAH and HANNAH. The last named was the mother of the late JOHN W. CONKLIN, prominent in the history of Brockville. From Justus are descended JOHN W., who was father to HARPER ORSER (1879-1971), whose son EUGENE died in November 1980. The farm in Augusta lies vacant.

There is a John Bass Family Record, dated July 10, 1828, artistically gotten up, signed by Amos Perrin, school teacher of the time. The pioneer mother, Lydia, was an expert weaver, who brought her loom and flax-spinning wheel (Jenny) with her to Canada. Apparently the family was not connected with the UEL Society as such, since they were allowed to sell their land and drive their stock to Canada. They described themselves as Loyalists, but not UEL. They were strong supporters of William Lyon Mackenzie in his fight to overthrow the Family Compact, and in the move to get representative government for Canada. There was a grant of 200 acres of land given each son and daughter of a Loyalist, providing that the father had borne arms on the British side during the war for Independence. Thus it was that Joseph C. and John each received a grant for work performed by their father. Any other land they obtained was through purchase.

The Basses are buried in the Maynard Cemetery, and their names appear throughout the records of the Methodist Church there, as well as in the records of Augusta Township Councils.

-from the papers of J. Bass Scott, 1865-1941
 Researched by Bonnie M. Gaylord.

55th Wedding Anniversary On 162-Year-Old Homestead

Monday, December 8th, marked an important date for Mr. and Mrs. Harper O. Bass, well known residents of Augusta Township, and members of one of the longest established families in Grenville County, when they celebrated quietly their 55th wedding anniversary at their home near Charleville.

The Canadian history of the Bass family dates back to the latter years of the eighteenth century, when the family of Dr. Adonijah Bass, who lived at Bunker Hill, the scene of the battle of that name, staunch loyalists, determined to move to Canada. Earlier records reveal that the Bass family was represented among the early Pilgrims who settled in the vicinity of Braintree, Mass.

One son made his way to Augusta looked over the land, and returning to his family prepared to move lock, stock and barrel to this section. The farm home was disposed of for cattle and other stock which they drove all the way to Augusta, settling on the land on the 4th and 5th concessions which has been occupied by family descendants ever since.

Each winter, for several years, the boys of the family returned to their old home at Bunker Hill, and returned with more stock received in payment of property which they had sold. During the early days of their settlement, the family resided in a rude dwelling erected on a natural stone foundation, and later built the substantial age-defying homestead which has now been occupied by Mr. and Mrs.

Harper O. Bass since their marriage 55 years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Bass were married at Maynard on Dec. 8th, 1897, at the old homestead where they still reside, and where they have maintained an unbroken ownership by the Bass family for 162 years, since Joseph Bass, United Empire Loyalist, settled in the year 1790.

The marriage was blessed with three children, two of whom, Mrs. Robert Bruce (Winnifred), Jasper, and Eugene, of Prescott, survive, a daughter having died in childhood. Mr. Bass has one sister, Mrs. Herbert Whitney, of Prescott, while Mrs. Maud Harten, of Prescott, is a sister of Mrs. Bass; another sister, Mrs. Claude Catlin of Brier Hill, N.Y., and one brother, George E., of Sioux Lookout, Ont. A brother of Mrs. Bass, Walter H. Farlinger, formerly of Prescott, died at Hartford, Conn., on Oct. 16th. There are eight grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. Mr. Ken Whitney, formerly of Prescott, and now residing in California, is a nephew, and Moxie Whitney, well-known Canadian musician whose orchestra has provided music for several seasons at the Royal York Hotel, Toronto, is a grand-nephew.

Mr. and Mrs. Harper O. Bass enjoy a wide circle of friends and received many messages of congratulations and good wishes as they reached their 55th wedding anniversary, and The Journal is pleased to be associated with these good wishes for many more years of wedded bliss and happiness.

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Harper Omer Bass 1879-1971
his wife, Hester Annie Farlinger 1878-1959
their family:

Myrtle 1899-1905

Eugene Frederick d. 1980 ae 72yr.

Winnifred - m Robert Bruce, Toledo

Farm in Possession Bass Family Since U. E. L. Land Grant in 1790

In possession of the same family for 158 years, the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Harper O. Bass, R. R. 1, Domville, is one of the original grants of land made to United Empire Loyalists in this district, and its record must be one of the lengthiest in these parts.

Situated on lot 11, Concessions four and five in the Township of Augusta, the farm of 115 acres has been the home of its present owners, Mr. and Mrs. Harper O. Bass, since their marriage of over 50 years ago. Across the way is the farm of Harold F. Scott which was also owned by the Bass family, and it is interesting to note that the present road was at one time a "given road" allowed by the Bass ancestors who came to Canada following the hectic days of the American Revolution.

On the Bass property can be seen the large stone upon which the original settlers built their first shelter to protect them during the first winter in the wild lands that greeted them on their arrival from homes they had established in the American colonies. Here the descendants plan to mount a plaque to commemorate the settling of the family.

Of the exploits of these hardy pioneers, the following interesting sketch was gleaned from "The History of Leeds and Grenville," compiled by T. W. H. Leavitt, Brockville, in 1879:

"Dr. Adonijah Bass resided at Bunker Hill, where the celebrated battle was fought. His family, consisting of two sons and one daughter, witnessed the engagement. They were all staunch Loyalists, and determined to remove to Canada. Dr. Bass dying, one son, Joseph, made his way to Augusta, and having examined the country, returned to his native place, and with his mother and the rest of the family, started for Canada. They had disposed of their farm for stock, which was driven the entire distance by the boys. They settled on the 4th and 5th Concessions. A grandson, James Bass, occupies the homestead. John Bass married Hannah Lakins; Joseph Bass married Sally Lakins. Joseph was for many years a settler on Windmill Point. The family of John consisted of Moses, Joseph, Samuel, Jonathan, David, William, Justus, Elizabeth, Lydia, Polly, and Hannah. Joseph Senior had one son and two daughters. Adonijah

married Jane Nettleton. During the first years that the Bass family were in Canada, the boys proceeded on foot each winter to Bunker Hill, and returned with stock taken in exchange for property which they had sold."

The recorded history of the Bass family dates from 1600, commencing with:

Samuel, 1600-1694, of Braintree, Mass., and his wife Ann;
 Thomas, 1635-1714, Braintree, and his wife, Sarah Wood;
 John, 1665-1753, Scotland, Conn., wife, Elizabeth Neale;
 Henry, 1704-1783, Scotland, Conn., wife, Elizabeth Church;
 Adonijah, 1744 (date of death unknown, probably 1776) Loyalist of Walloomsac, and his wife Lydia Drape;
 John, 1775-1852, Augusta, original settler, 1790, and his wife Hanna Lakin;
 Justus, died 1887, and his wife Deborah Brown;
 Johnston, died 1916, and his wife Hannah Orser;
 Harper O., born 1879, present occupant of the Homestead, and great-grandson of the settler, and his wife, Annie Farlinger, formerly of Prescott.

Ledger of 110 Years Ago Kept Tab on Household £sd

A carefully kept ledger sheet exactly 110 yrs. old was brought into The Journal Office this week by R. F. Scott, from the books kept by his ancestor, James Bass, on the farm operated by Mr. Scott near Domville. And perusal indicates that Mr. Bass kept records, in the fancy script of that far-off days, not only of his farming operations but also kept a close tab on the household expenditures. And to think of it, he didn't even have any income tax inspectors to worry about!

Included in the lists of purchases during that summer were 1 red belt at 3 shillings and 4 pence, as currency of the realm in this pre-Confederation country was settled in

the English fashion. We aren't told what use the belt was intended for.

"Tickin", 5 7-8 yards, at 10d, a yard of cotton at 4d—and then a pair of braces at 9d with a 1-4 lb. of indigo at 7-6 complete the household purchases for September.

Coming into February we find an entry for "Cash, going to Bytown, with a load, 7/6". That would hardly buy a meal today on the trip to the Capital we know as Ottawa.

But the amazing part of the ledger comes along in March, 1844, with entries of 25 1-2 cords of wood at 5 shillings; and — carriage on 314 1-2 gallons of whiskey to Bytown, 1.17½. The folks in the ancient town must have been a thirsty lot then, for a week later Mr. Bass makes another entry of 1.13.0 for carriage of 275 gallons of the drink that's said to cheer, and 4/6 for bringing back 6 empty casks.

The record runs the gamut of household supplies, even including thread, allspice at 5d, and a couple of bowls. A barrel of Liverpool salt was set down at 9 shillings, and 23 bushels of shorts (not the playground variety) at 11/6.

They were the days of low prices, all right, but we wonder how income compared with today's figures!

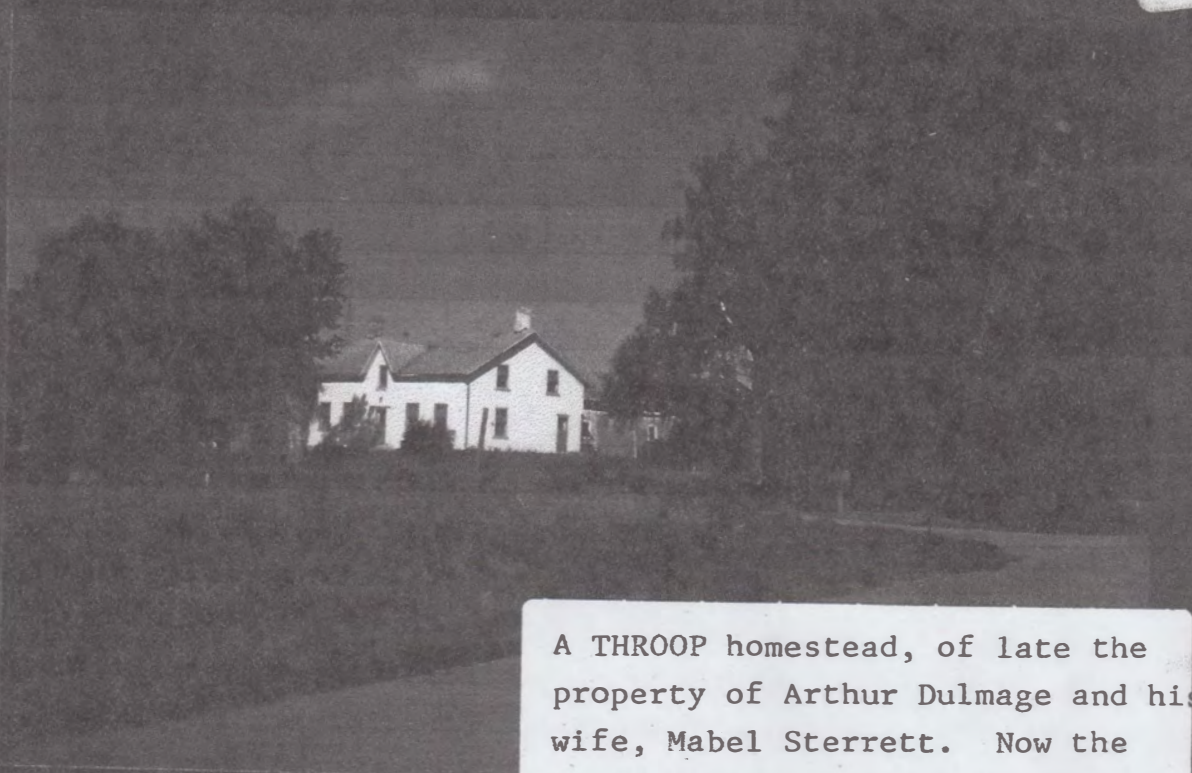
Mr. Scott also gave us pages from this ledger, and copies of newspapers —



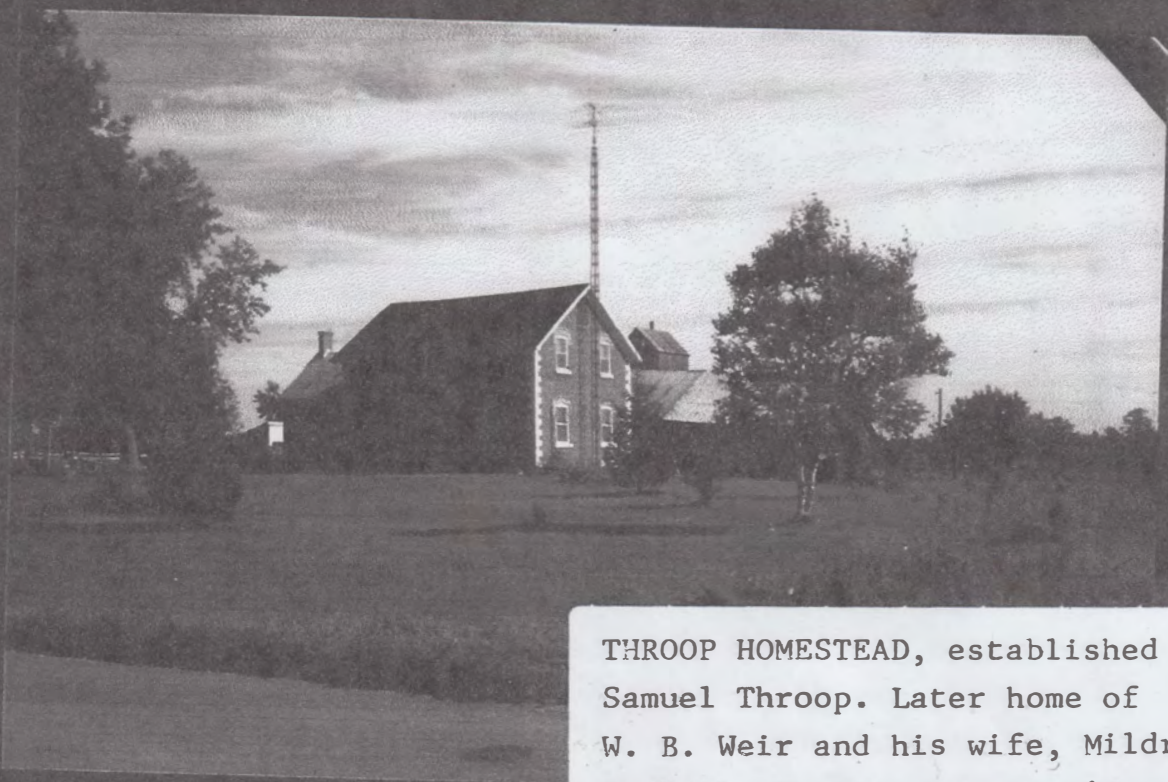
SCOTT FAMILY
ORCHESTRA

-M.E. Carson

Con 4
Lot 12



A THROOP homestead, of late the property of Arthur Dulmage and his wife, Mabel Sterrett. Now the home of their son, Leslie Dulmage



THROOP HOMESTEAD, established by Samuel Throop. Later home of W. B. Weir and his wife, Mildred Throop. Various owners since

THROOP GENEALOGY

contributed by Herb Throop
family genealogist

CALVIN THROOP, born Sept. 19, 1779, at Lakeside, Connecticut, U.S.A., emigrated to Canada about 1800, with his brother, SAMUEL.

He settled on Lot 20, Concession 6, Augusta Township, but later moved to the district to which he gave his name: "Throoptown". He was a man of sterling character, a Baptist, who died February 10, 1844, and was buried in McGuinn's Cemetery, centre Augusta, where his wife, ANNA THROOP, also lies.

The children of CALVIN and ANNA:

1. SAMUEL, married MARILLA EARL
2. CALVIN, married POLLY BISHOP, moved to Illinois
3. POLLY
4. SARAH
5. ELIZA
6. LUCINDA
7. CALVIN
8. FREEMAN
9. ALMIRA
10. ELIZABETH
11. CULVER
12. ANSON
13. HANNAH

SAMUEL, son of Calvin and Anna, born 1808, at Throoptown. Established himself at Charleville, side road, between 4th and 5th concessions.

The children of SAMUEL and MARILLA EARL:

1. SAWYER, married JULIA ANN LARRY
2. JUSTUS, married SARAH BIRKS
3. RUFUS, married ELIZABETH BRIGGS
4. MALISSA
5. SELINA
6. DORCAS

JUSTUS, son of Samuel and Marilla, married Sarah Birks. He was born 1840 at Throoptown, settled at Charleville on this farm, where he lived until he moved to Prescott. He was a good citizen, a staunch Baptist, and lies buried in Maynard Cemetery. Died April 30, 1914. Sarah died 1907, born 1843.

RUFUS, born 1849, at Throoptown, moved with his father, Samuel, to this farm, and lived there until he retired and moved to Brockville. He was a Baptist, a Liberal and a Free Mason. He died Feb. 1921.

CHILDREN OF JUSTUS and SARAH BIRKS THROOP:

1. HERBERT M. born Oct. 18, 1865
2. EDWARD SAMUEL, born Dec. 8, 1867 at Charleville. Married Hannah Milward, moved to New York State. Edward (1867-1952) Hannah (1862-1934).
3. GEORGE A., born April 16, 1872. Known as FRED, lived in Prescott, where he was a tailor. Married MAUD SMITH
4. LULU & LILA, twins, born 1877.
- & LULU married COLIN MacINNES, Prescott
5. LILA (LILY) married MALCOLM MacINNES (1877-1964)

HERBERT M. THROOP, son of JUSTUS (JESSE) and SARAH BIRKS, born October 18, 1865 at Charleville, where he lived all his life upon the farm settled by his father. An ardent sportsman, married LURA PLACE.

HERBERT (1865-1924) LURA (1875-1950)

they had 1 child, a daughter, MILDRED THROOP. She married WILFRED B. WEIR, and continued to live with the parents on the farm. They have 1 daughter, RUTH WEIR, who married HAROLD NORTON, and lives in Prescott.

CHILDREN OF RUFUS and ELIZABETH BRIGGS :

1. MILTON R. born November 13, 1874 in Charleville, employed in Ottawa in Civil Service.

2. MAUDE LILLIAN, married Dr. S. T. Foster, a Baptist minister, and moved to United States.

Note: Rev. Foster was minister when Maynard Baptist Church was built Con 2. Lot 11 now demolished facing Con 3 Rd.

The children of SARAH and JUSTUS BIRKS
SARAH, married JULIA ANN LARRY
JUSTUS, married SARAH BIRKS
RUFUS, married ELIZABETH BRIGGS
MILTON
MAUDE
LILLIAN
LORNA

JUSTUS, son of Samuel and Maria, married Sarah Birks. He was born 1840 at Throop, settled at Charleville on his farm, where he lived until he moved to Prescott. He was a good citizen, a staunch Baptist, and his burial in Maynard Cemetery. Died April 30, 1911. Sarah died 1907, born 1843.

RUFUS, born 1849, at Throop, moved with his father, Samuel, to this farm, and lived there until he retired and moved to Brockville. He was a Baptist, a laborer and a Free Mason. He died Feb. 1921.

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- 3. GEORGE A., born April 14, 1872. Known as FRED, lived in Prescott, where he was a tailor. Married MAUD SMITH
- 4. LURA LILLA, twin, born 1877
- 5. LILLI, married COLIN MACKENZIE, Prescott
- 6. LILLA (LILLY), married MALCOLM MACKENZIE (1877-1904)

RAYMOND THROOP FAMILY

SAMUEL THROOP came to Canada with his brother, CALVIN, from Litchfield, county Connecticut, U. S. A. He married ABIGAIL BLAKESLEY.

Their children: 1. BENJAMIN, born Jan. 9, 1811
2. JOSEPH born Jan. 3, 1817, married JANE LEE (JULIA)
3. POLLY, married JOHN LANE
4. MINERVA, married JAMES BISHOP
5. LUCINDA, married Arving Bartlett

BENJAMIN, born 1811 at Algonquin, established himself near the Town Hall and ran a mill on the stream there.

Children: 1. James, born 1836, married RACHEL COVILLE
2. MARY JANE, married CHARLES LEMON, Maitland
3. WELLINGTON, born 1839, bachelor
4. ISRAEL, born 1842

ISRAEL, 1842, died 1924, buried Maynard Cemetery. He fought in the Civil War, 1861-65. Married MARY VANCE. (1843-1909)

Children of Israel and Mary:

1. MINA JANE, married CHARLES DURANT
2. EMMA ANNETTA, married FRED HUDDLESTON
3. ANNIE MARY, married ALVIN STOTTS
4. BENJAMIN NELSON, born 1871 died 1939
5. ISRAEL CLAYTON, died 1889
6. THERESA ADELAIDE, married ROBERT GEDDES
7. WELLINGTON JAMES, born 1879, married JULIA LEE
8. EDITH LOUISA, married DAVID WHITTENBERGER
9. LAURA, died young
10. ANDREW, died young
11. LURA, died young
12. HERBERT DAVID, born 1889, married PEARL DAWSON. Civil Service, in Library of Parliament, genealogist.
13. FRANCES MARIA, married ROBERT PERRIN
their children were LURA, MABEL, ALBERT, EGBERT AND WILFRED HARPER

BENJAMIN NELSON THROOP, born 1871 at Charleville, established at Roebuck, later moved to Centre Augusta. Married EDITH JOHNSON, daughter of John Hohnson, Roebuck.

Their Children: 1. JANIE, born 1896, m. REID JOYNT
2. ALVIN, born 1899, married CORA ELLIS
3. WELLINGTON, born 1901, married LULA GOODIN
4. RAYMOND, born 1904, married ADELIA NEWMAN
5. IDA, married JOHN NOLAN
6. MABEL
7. MARION married ARNOLD PERRIN
8. REID, born 1916, Dec. 20 married Betty Hough
9. HOWARD, born June 24, 1919, married Marjorie Dawson

RAYMOND THROOP, born June 16, 1904, at Roebuck, farmed at Charleville.
married ADELIA NEWMAN.

Children of Ray and Adelia:

1. ALICE MARIE, born Jan. 12, 1923, married LEONARD McLEAN, who farmed near Blue Church. Farm sold to DuPont of Canada, moved to Prescott.
2. ARTHUR WALTER, born Dec. 12, 1923, married KATHLEEN VANCAMP, farmed the home place, then employed by Canada Starch, Cardinal. Lives on MacAdamized Road, north of Domville.
3. CARL NEWMAN, born March 19, 1925, killed in World War II.
4. EARL NEWMAN, born March 19, 1925, twin to Carl, employed by CNR, lives near Stones Corners.
5. MARY EDITH, born June 11, 1926, married MORLEY REYNOLDS, lives Prescott.
6. SADIE HILDA, born Dec. 11, 1928, married RONALD MYERS, lives at Blue Church.
7. DUREEN married DONALD ROBINSON, lives on MacAdamized Road near Prescott
8. RAYMOND JUNIOR lives in Prescott.

In the Spring of 1949, Ray held an auction sale, and disposed of his stock. He let the farm to Arthur, and moved to a camp at Blue Church for the summer, taking up residence in Prescott in September.

1955, in the Autumn, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Throop returned to the farm, and Arthur with his family, moved into a newly-built house on the corner of the Charleville Road.

1966 the farm was sold to William Bond.

Present owner is Boyd Halladay..1981.

TWINS IN THE THROOP FAMILY

- 1698 - MERCY and ALARY, born to Dan Throope and his second wife, Deborah Marcy.
- 1877 - LULA and LILA, born to Justus and Sarah Birks Throop
- 1899 - INEZ and ANNIE, to Joseph Toppin and his wife, Ella Throop, daughter of Martial Throop.
- 1925 - CARL and EARL, born to Raymond and his wife, Adelia Newman

THROOP

LOTS 13 & 14 (part)

Concession 4

CALVIN and SAMUEL THROOP, sons of BENJAMIN AND MARY BURGESS, came to Canada between 1800-1812 from Litchfield County, Connecticut, U.S.A.

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SAMUEL settled at Wrights Corners (now Algonquin), Born Aug. 12, 1776

CALVIN married ANNA

Their children:

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CALVIN, married POLLY BISHOP, moved to Illinois

SARAH, married WILLIAM EARL

POLLY, married SAMUEL MONTGOMERY

ELIZA, married Mr. HOUGH

LUCINDA, married AMBROSE THROOP

calvin, married SARAH CRIPPEN, went to Illinois

FREEMAN, a veteran of American Civil War

ALMIRA, married RASTUS THOMPSON

ELIZABETH, married JOHN LENNOX

CULVER

ANSON

HANNAH, married ROSWELL FIELD

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Children of Samuel and Marilla Earl:

JULIA ANN LARRY

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JUSTUS, born 1840, m. Sarah Birks

RUFUS, born 1849, m. Elizabeth Briggs

MELISSA, m. JOHN WALKER

SELINA, m. EDWARD EARL

DORCAS m RICHARD BIRKS