



FLAKE HOMESTEAD:: ARTHUR ROAD by Louisa. Original homestead of David Flake.  
1860's.

Picture taken around 1914: when home of William Flake & Family:: Mrs.

William Flake: Frances Woodson: Jim Flake: KEN Woodson: Bertha Le June:

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Jim Flake later built home next to the old place to the north.

Wife Vera Dunn: Children:: Jim (# 4) Allan Marsha.

THE FLAKE HOMESTEAD::: ARTHUR ROAD by Louisa. 1860's.

Originally built by David Flake shortly after the purchase of the property in 1862 and the clearing of the land.

Picture of the old home taken around 1914 when the home of the William Flake family.

Mrs. Wm. Flake: Frances Woodson: Jim Flake: Ken Woodson: & Bertha Le June

The original Flake home was demolished 1995 as Jim Flake Jr. desired to build anew.

Jim Flake married Vera Dunn built home next door to the north.

Children: Jim: Marsha & Allan.

July 11. 95.

## House razed by arson

*For five years  
home sat idle.  
Two weeks into  
renovations,  
firebug torches it*

**Mike Robinson  
Times-Review**

An Arthur Street home under renovation was burned down to its new foundation Tuesday night in what the Ontario Fire Marshall's office is labelling as arson.

"At least no one was hurt," said homeowner James Flake, "that's the most important thing."

Standing beside the flame-scorched foundation Wednesday morning, Mr. Flake said the house had been moved to Arthur Street from Queenston Boulevard about five years back, but had only been placed on the new foundation about two weeks ago.

The new plumbing in the basement had just been inspected the previous day, and Mr. Flake was planning to pour the basement floor and put in new steel beams Wednesday.

During renovations, Mr. Flake and his wife have been living in a trailer down the street. When he arrived at the trailer at about 11:30 p.m. Tuesday, Mr. Flake said he looked toward the



Ontario Fire Marshall's office inspector Kim Ayotte looks over the destruction at James Flake's Arthur Street home Wednesday morning. The midnight fire, which leveled the \$59,000 house, was caused by an arsonist.

house and saw nothing. But after he'd gone inside, he looked out the window and saw a glow behind the trees that separate the trailer and his house.

When he went to investigate, he found the house engulfed in flames.

Station 3 on Dominion Road was called in to fight

the fire at 11:59 p.m., but there was nothing that could be done to save the house.

Chief Fire Prevention Officer Jim Douglas said damage is estimated at \$59,000. The Ontario Fire

Marshall's office was on scene Wednesday morning and Inspector Kim Ayotte confirmed Mr. Douglas' suspicion that arson was the cause of the destructive blaze.



David Flake:::

Mr. David Flake came to Bertie Township from Hanover Germany, and bought the property on Arthur St, south of the Garrison Rd. on the Military Reserve, from the Crown in 1862. He originally had ten acres, and set about to clear it, most of it being bush. He built a two story frame house shortly after.

Land discription::: 10acres: lot 6 east side of Alfred: 6,7,8 : south side of Louisa: & lot 13 & 14 north side of Louisa. shown as: Provincial Land Survey of F.F. Passmores" plan of the subdivision of the Military Reserve, dated Sept. 7th. 1861 and Dept. of Crown Lands Quebec June 23rd. 1862: and signed Andrew Russel, assistant Commissioner. Recorded in the Dept. of the Interior.

Deed Regt. Apr. 13, 1877.

cost \$300.00.

FLAKE:: LOUISA & ARTHUR RD. BERTIE TOWNSHIP. - MILITARY RESERVE.

1870 ; Crown to Charles Regon 1 acre.

Charles Regon to Thomas Quinlon.

1873:Aug.5. Queen to Peter Schryer : Lot 6 n.s, of Louisa. 2½acres:\$50.00  
1891 Margaret Schryer et aux to Jane Maycock.

1873:Aug.6. Crown to David Flake 10¼ acres. lot 13. N.S. of Louisa.

This pat. cancelled and another approved::: Mar. 31. 1877.

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1883. Mar. 15. B. &.S. Adaline Roach & John Roach to Wm. Flake 1/6 ch. lot13

1934. July 31. Wm/ Flake tp James A. Flake & Vera E. Flake wife:pt. lot 13.

1946/Sept. 3. James Flake. ad. of Wm. H. Flake.::: Walter Flake & wife  
Frances Woodson: Chrysta Loos: Freda Zintel:  
Marie Western: Cecelia Celley: Francis Trendel  
& Wire : Bud Flake & wire. Charles Flake:  
all heirs of Wm. Flake.  
lot 8 : 10acres. Lot 7 10 acres. S.S. Louisa.  
lot 6 : 10 acres

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Lot 14

1877, Mar. 31. Crown to David Flake 10acres. lot 14.

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1879. May 6. Robert Arnold to John A. Flake  
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