

1 In the spring of 1788 Jacob Sider, his wife Mary, and three small children, Anna, John, and Elizabeth, crossed the Niagara River on a raft which they built, having left Lancaster County, Pennsylvania some six weeks earlier. They settled initially at the Short Hills near Welland where they stayed for about six years before moving to Bertie Township.

2 About 1794 Jacob and Mary settled on 100 acres of the west halves of lots 14 and 15, concession 9. This property was later sold to Jacob's brother-in-law, Bishop John Winger, in 1802.

3-6 In 1797 Jacob petitioned for crown land and was awarded 400 acres in Willoughby Township. This deed was not registered until 1802 because certain requirements had to be met including building a log house, clearing land, and providing a roadway in front of the property.

3 In 1824 Jacob sold 100 acres of lot 3 concession 3 of Willoughby to his son Martin who retained it until 1839 when it was sold.

4 In 1816 Jacob sold 100 acres of lot 4 concession 3 to Jacob Gonder.

5 In 1824 Jacob sold 100 acres of lot 5 concession 3 to Moses Byers, the husband of Jacob's daughter Anna. Moses and Anna sold this property to Peter Shisler in 1846.

- 6 In 1824 Jacob settled 100 acres of lot 4 concession 5 on his daughter Barbara who never married. This property passed to her brother John following her death in 1832.
- 7-8 In 1800 Jacob obtained 200 acres of property from John Powell in Bertie.
- 7 In 1824 Jacob sold 100 acres of the east halves of lots 9 and 10, concession 10 to his son Christian and this later passed to Christian's descendents. ~~A portion of this property still remains in this family ownership.~~
- 8 The east halves of lots 11 and 12, concession 10 comprised the home farm of Jacob and Mary Sider. This property passed to Jacob's youngest son Martin on Jacob's death in 1825. Jacob's will mentions a ditch to be dug across the south end of the property. The ditch still exists.
- 9-10 In 1807 Jacob purchased 200 acres, lots 11 and 12, concession 14 from Robert Hamilton.
- 9 In 1814 Jacob sold 100 acres, the west halves of lots 11 and 12, concession 14 to his eldest son John. On John's death the property passed to Abraham Winger and Magdalena, Jacob's daughter.
- 10 In 1821 Jacob sold 100 acres, the east halves of lots 11 and 12 to his second son Jacob and from there to Jacob's son Abraham in 1826 on his father's early death.
- 11 Many of these early settlers are buried in Black Creek Pioneer Cemetery.

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