

ORRIE STORM HOMESTEAD:: Bertie St. north side:up from N. W. Cr.
of Spear Rd. opposite Plato Cemetery.
Moved to Spear Rd. north 1941.

This two story frame homestead stood on the north side of Bertie, back from the road and reached by a long lane. IT was originally the home of William A. Benner & Annie Spaden. They raised four children there: Walter E. 1886--1976: Roy 1888-¹⁸⁹⁵ Bill b. Floyd, .After the death of his parents Walter E. continued to run the farm till it was sold in 1919 to Orrie Storm. Walter then moved to Nixon Drive in the village of Fort Erie. Orrie Storm purchased the farm in 1919. The old homestead had an addition added to the back of it before his purchase. It consisted of bedroom, kitchen, and bathroom. As it was very cold most of the winter, Orrie removed this addition. The home originally had a small stoop at the front entrance, with roof. This he later enlarged. Back from the homestead, and westerly stood the original large barn. While the Storms lived on Bertie, this burned to the ground. They purchased another hip barn from the north west Cr. of Catharine and Concession, that housed the horses for Pierce and Stevens.

When the Queen Elizabeth finally was completed to Fort Erie it was thought necessary to move the homestead, which they did in 1941. It still stood on the farm, on the west side of Spear rd. north.

At this time the Storms also moved another home that stood on the north side of Bertie, just west. This is now the site of the Niagara Power Building. Also another home owned by the family was moved from Point Abino Rd. All three were moved to Spear Rd. North. One of, the three burnt and another new home was built in it's place.

The Storm farm consisted of 90 acres: 50 acres was owned by Roy Spear and another 50 rented by W, Johnston. The two 50 acre lots were purchased by the Fleet Aircraft when they opened their plant.

The father of Orrie Storm Peter Storm, lived in Humberstone Township Brookfield and Bertie rds. 1876