

JO NATHAN SEXSMITH: : DOMINION ROAD Bertie Township.

In 1862 Johnathan Sexsmith bought Lot 1&2 con. 16 Bertie with brok front. The farm exstended from the lake to Nigh Road. It had been property of Michael Sourwine. The old two story frame home stood on north side of what was to become many years later Dominion Road.

In 1880 Mathew W. Sexsmith custom's & immigration officer moved into the red brick home just across the road, a short distance east. Mr. Mather Sexsmith had a large heard of cattle.

The home was ajacent to six mile Creek and the old lake Erie & Southern , later the Grand trunk ran past the rear forty, over the old Sourwine Bridge.

Beside this stream stood an old saw mill ran by a water wheel, and shown on an old map of the 1820"s as Rickert's Mill. beside the Mill stood an old two story frame house. The lumber from this building was later used to put a dining room on the back of the red brick , home.

The Dominion Rd, for many years before the turn of the century and after did not run in front of this home. The road ran west to a point just east of the six mile Creek then it fallowed a high rize of ground in a south westerly direction. Where the Creek turned from one stream to two Mr. Sexsmith had constructed two wooded bridges. The road past over these and headed west. Previous to these bridges the road now doubt crossed at a narrow spot in the Creek just up from the Mill and the old home, where in later years the Sexsmith's used to wash their buggies. The old grist mill was used to house their horse and the buggy. The upper floor had grain bins all along one wall, and one of these was used as a standing stall. The ground floor housed the machinery for the Mill and the upper floor was used for storage.

After living in Toronto for many years Mrs. Sexsmith Jackson came back to Bertie with her husband. On his death she moved into this home, her birthplace to live with her brother and on his death lived on in the old homestead. b. 189

SOURWINE::: from the 1851 Census:::

Valentine Sourwine 68 ytrs.

Barbara Sourwine

Children:::

Peter 17 yrs.

George 28 yrs.

Margarette 25 yrs.

Mary 3 yrs.

Valentine Sourwine lived at 6 mile Creek east of Ridgeway, where he operated a saw mill , which was powered by the waters of the mill stream. It ran for only 3 months of the year.