

FAROUGH SETTLEMENT [Greaves Corners]

The Farough settlement is located on Malden Road south of Maidstone and nearing the Townline Road. The settlement acquired its name from the prominence of the Farough family in this particular region. The most notable of the Farough personalities was a Mr. John B. Farough, (Jean Baptiste).

John B. Farough was both a farmer and a 'stockman' located, in 1904, on Lot 3 Concession 10 in Sandwich South. Mr. Farough was born on February 28, 1848 in Lansdowne, Upper Canada, the son of Joseph and Sarah (Delisle) Farough. Joseph Farough was born in 1820 at Trois Rivières Québec, and Sarah was born in Montreal in 1821. The two were married in Montreal and moved to Essex in 1848. Sarah's father was a soldier in the War of 1812.

Joseph Farough purchased 'wild land' in Sandwich South and erected a log cabin, later to be replaced by one of hewn logs, and later still by a frame structure. Mr. Joseph Farough died on October 12, 1876 and Mrs. Farough died in May of 1892. Joseph and Sarah had fourteen children of which Peter, Joseph, Nicholas, Caroline, Lawrence, and John B. married into local families and remained settled surrounding the original homestead.

John B. Farough was educated by his Mother and stayed on to work on his parents' farm. Later he bought 100 acres of 'wild land' adjoining the homestead, and began his own farm. In 1873, John B. married Jemima G. Collins, the daughter of Charles Collins from Maistone Township. John B. Farough was a farmer of two plots in Sandwich South and was also a livestock raiser and trader. He had eleven children. *85



John B. Farough and his wife Jemima Collins, early establishers of the Farough settlement, and the grandparents of Mr. Milton Farough residing on the 11th concession in Sandwich South.

On the northeast corner of Malden Road and South Talbot, there remains disguised, the original log home of John Baptiste Delisle, another Quebec settler which decided to move upstream in the middle of the nineteenth century. The Farough settlement then provides again a permanent visual reminder of French expediency in the formation of Sandwich South as an agricultural community.

The second name of the community 'Greaves Corners', resulted from the homestead of John Thomas Greaves, an immigrant settler arriving from England in 1856 who built his home on South Talbot Road near the Maidstone-Sandwich South townline.

In 1933 several small 'home canning factories' commenced operations in the Farough settlement on the farms of Charles Farough, Walter Farough, Clarence Ellis and George Dawson. The tomatoes were then grown and canned on the same farm, and the industry was generally conducted strictly by family members or nearby local residents. Usually, it was the young girls and the women which operated the process, thereby explaining the industry's being phased out in WW II, as these same ladies were too busy working in city munitions factories to be running their own business.

One such canning factory which is still in operation, is the 'Thomas Canning Company' established in 1929 on the Tomas farm situated on the townline between Maidstone Township and Sandwich South. The company processed 'Utopian Brand' tomatoes, and proved quite a successful business venture, eventually shipping its product to all parts of Canada. In 1952 the company

was one of the few that had survived the war 'labour loss', and managed in this year to produce a substantial 40,000 cases of canned tomatoes.

Most Farough children attended the SS #5 school at Malden Road and South Talbot and many of the residents attend Maidstone United Church on the old Highway Number Three, just across the Townline, as well as St. Mary's in Maidstone.

The first phone found its way to the community in 1911 and hydro was installed in 1927. It is reputed that the Farough settlement has some claim to fame in that one of its residents James Stitt had the first Black and White television in the whole township. This event, though not momentous, certainly had its significance for the Stitt family, who in 1950 suddenly found itself very popular, as neighbours for miles around came nightly to observe the little box of movement and light in its sixteen inch cabinet!