AREA FARMS C. 1900

Research of local farms and farmers; listed in the Brighton Argus. Continues. The McCabe's SHADY CREEK FARM is the subject of this issue.

Michael, Hugh, Thomas, Patrick (3), James, Edward and Mathew, McCabes all, and their wives, were born in Ireland. They came to Green Oak, Hamburg, Undadilla and Genoa Township by way of Canada, New York or Illinois, to find a life filling the soil. By 1848, several were listed as resident taxpayers in Green Oak Township sections 9, 10, 15 and 16. This concentration of Irish immigrants soon acquired the local name of Paddytown. The Monahan, or Irish, Cemetery, corner McCabe and Silver Lake Roads is the resting place for many Irish settlers. Census records indicate education was important to the McCabes. Children of school age attended regularly. One also finds that those 15 years and older are often employed by neighboring farmers and as domestics. The large families needed the children's income to survive.

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An M. McCabe is listed as a charter member of Livingston County Agricultural Society, 1855. Patrick F. is a subscriber to the construction of the Catholic church (St. Patrick's) building in 1864.

C. 1937, the Boy Scout of America, Detroit Council, purchased SHADY CREEK FARM as a camp. Perhaps that is when the prime stands of evergreens were planted. The site is now the setting for one of the finest, more recent developments of the area.

(Research compiled by Marleneena Bair and Lisa Palermo from the 1880 History of Livingston County; Yesterrays of Green Oak; Early Census Records and Atlases; and Milton Charbeneau's First Landowners, Early Landowners and Settlers and Early Obituaries. Additions, etc., welcome. 810/229-6402.)
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