AREA FARMS C. 1900

Research of local farms and farmers, listed in an earlier edition of the Brighton Argus, continues. The farm of L.A. Quick, Willow Springs Farm, in Brighton Township, is the subject of this issue.

Before the 1880 Census there is scant evidence of Quicks in Livingston County. At that time Jacob R., born in Pennsylvania (no record of parents' birth sites) was a farm laborer on the Rollin G. Webb farm in Putnam township. At the age of 73 Jacob would have been among the elderly of the population. The other Quick was John, a farmer born in Michigan, whose parents were born in New Jersey, in Tyrone Township along Tippecanoe Lake Road. His wife Sarah was born in Canada in 1844, three years younger than John. Her parents were born in England and Scotland. No children are listed. The 1875 Atlas does show John as farming 75 acres. A connection between Jacob and John is hard to conceive; they are found in almost opposite corners of Livingston County.

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1890 Records suggest Lewis A. Quick married Margaret Helms that year. From these records it is also safe to conclude Lewis A. and Margaret had son John in 1891 in Howell and three years later son Roy was born in Pinckney. It would appear the Lewis Quick family was rather mobile until purchasing the property in Brighton Township.

The 1915 Atlas records "L.A. Quick and wife" as owners of 108 acres in Section 10. Sixty acres are in the S1 NW4 and 48 are in NE4 of S41. The first described are on the east side of Maxfield Lake Road north of Hyne and the latter on the south side of Hyne, east of Corlett Road. The residence and barns are no longer. Already by 1961 developers and subdividers are designating building sites.

Lewis is buried in Fairview Cemetery, dying in 1930, age 65. Margaret was perhaps born in 1870 (making her 21 when John was born) with her birthday c. 1870. Then who is the Jessie E. Quick, born 1867, buried by Lewis, died 1940 with "mother" on the grave marker? And where is Margaret buried and when did she die? (Compiled by Mareanna Bair from Atlases, 1880 Census, 1890 Records and Milton Charbonneau's transcription of Fairview Cemetery. Additions/corrections gratefully accepted. 810/229-6002.)
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