

Carfrae Notes

October 4, 1987.

Mrs. Francis Shambrook ne  
Francis was the last Carf  
Carfrae Cottage.

She was born in 1908 in t.  
She was the youngest of six  
Raymond and Sidney and three o  
Margaret. Sidney was the oldest followed by Raymond, Mary, and  
and Margaret. Margaret was also born in this house. All the  
others were born in Topeka Kansas. Her parents were Hugh Carfrae  
and ??????. Her great uncle was Robert Carfrae who emigrated from  
Scotland and was an early settler in the London area. Robert  
Carfrae had a wife Sarah but no children and the property passed  
to Hugh Carfrae the brother of Robert and thence to Hugh Carfrae,  
Francis' father.

Francis Carfrae related a great deal of information about the  
house as she remembered it from her childhood. She sold the house  
in 1944 after the death of her mother who had a severe stroke here  
in the house and died the following day. The property was much  
larger in the early part of the century and had a barn and several  
out building in the gully as she called it. There was also a  
stream running through the gully. This is presently the location  
of senior citizen apartment complex. There was also a drive shed  
on the rear of the kitchen wing of the home. (There is a brick  
base presently there, just below the surface of the lawn). There  
used to be three pear trees in the backyard and an extensive apple  
orchard and several cherry trees, where Ardaven Place is presently  
located. There was a walk out the back of the property, leading  
from the dining room door to the backyard. There were numerous  
current and raspberry bushes located adjacent to the walk as well  
as an arbor of grape vines along the walk. A vegetable garden was  
located in the southwest corner of the property.

The property was subdivided by her father Hugh, who was swindled  
by some out-of-town land dealers. They talked him into  
subdividing the property and on a handshake agreed to pay him.  
Once the lots were sold off they left town and were never heard  
from again.

Francis Carfrae gave us an idea of how the house was laid out  
prior to renovations done by subsequent owners. The front room on  
the right was a bedroom and had a door leading to the back bedroom  
on the southwest corner of the house. The doorway is still there  
and the door to the room is presently concealed by a closet. The  
door frame has been boxed in. The fireplace surround and mantle  
has been replaced. It was torn out by Archie M. the man who  
bought the house from Francis. He took it out and boarded it up.  
It was replaced by ????? who bought the house from Archie. An  
attempt was made to replace the tiles with ones as close as  
possible to the original as could be located. Francis assisted  
the then owner to do this.

Archie McCullough  
to  
Marge Harvey  
to  
Terry & Mark  
to  
Terry & Bob