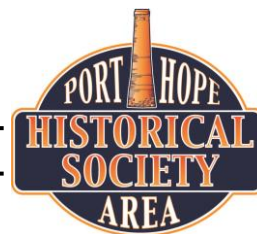


“Their Stories”



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WILHELM SCHEWE SR. FARM – (And don’t forget, two dozen eggs and two lbs. of butter!)

The following story (in italics), was originally written by Daniel Fantore on July 23, 2014, and presented at the 2014 Schave family Reunion. Suellen Emerick, granddaughter of Charley Schave & Mildred Pochert, provided a copy to the Historical Society for inclusion as a “Their Stories” article in this edition of the Heritage Newsletter.

An interesting story about the centennial farm owned by the Schewe/Schave family, its beginnings in Port Hope and of special interest, the transferring of the farm from Wilhelm to his son Charley and the conditions laid out as part of the “sale”.

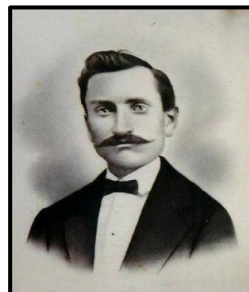
“On December 22nd, 1877, Wilhem, and Bertha Hartz Schewe, Sr. bought forty acres in Rubicon Township. It is interesting that Wilhelm was the first Schewe landowner in port. Hope, but Gottlieb was the first Schewe in Port Hope, as his daughter Martha was born here on March 15th, 1876. Gottlieb and wife Ida were probably pulled to Port Hope by her Plietz relatives, but they did not buy a farm until 1886. Wilhelm bought these forty acres, built a house, and farmed here. The story, as told to me by Earl Schave & Mildred Pochert Schave, is that the fire of 1881 burned part of the house, but some of the original house still stands. Two neighbor Moss children died here in the fire, looking for someone or some refuge.

The farm was passed on to second son, Charley Schave in a 1920 deed that is like a contract between Wilhem Sr. and Bertha and charley. In return for the farm, Wilhelm and Bertha received \$50 each year, and Charlie was to keep them in a cow so they had milk at all times, three tons of hay so the cow could eat, or two pounds of butter per week, and all the milk they needed. He was to supply them with twenty-five chickens every spring, and if they did not keep chickens, he was to supply them with 2 dozen eggs each week. A young pig was to be supplied to them every spring. Charlie was also to supply his parents with flour, twenty-five bushels of potatoes, two hundred pounds of sugar, and fuel enough to keep the house warm. He was to plow their garden each spring and if either parent died, he was to take the survivor into his house and care for them, paying for all doctor bills and funeral expenses for both, including erecting funeral stones. Therefore, I think Charley was responsible for the gravestones of Wilhelm and Bertha back in Port Hope Cemetery.”

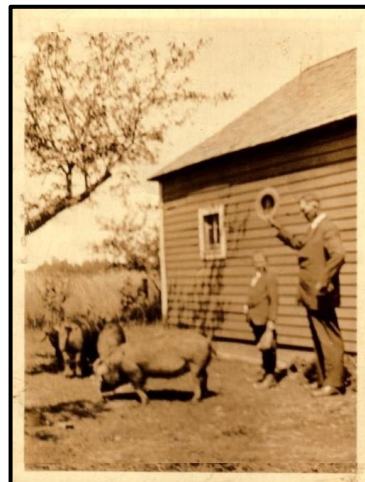
William Schewe Sr. passed on the farm to second-born son, Charley Schave, who passed it on to son Earl Schave, and is now owned by Earl’s son Bryce. The farm is a centennial farm and sits at the northwest corner of Redman and Schave Roads It has been solely owned and farmed continuously by the Schewe/Schave family for well over 100 years.



The Schewe Farm with Wilhelm & several Family Members



Wilhelm Carl August Schewe



Wilhelm’s Son Charley and Grandson Earl