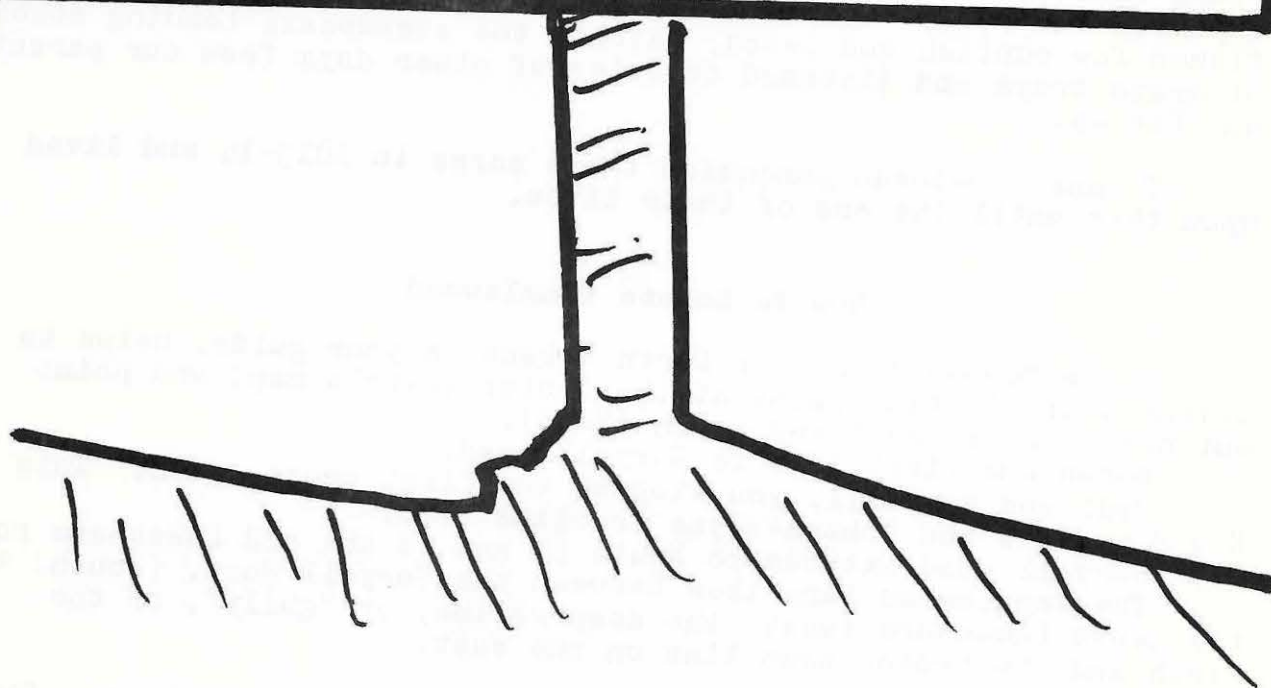


THE TANGLEWOOD FARM

of

THOMAS 2 & DEBORAH

1812 -- 1937



Before we get settled on permanent farm land, we should look into the "breather years" of 1806-12. Those six years were by no means an idle interval between storms, but a long planning conference. Life in Wayne and Urbana was distinctly different than that of New Jersey and the growing city of New York.

There was work to be done, neighbors to be helped and, in turn, to be helped by the same neighbors. Nobody had much ready money, but homes, farms, crops and even raw survival to overcome the new environment.

The older sons were busy scouting the neighborhood for "the right young ladies" with whom they were to spend the rest of their lives. Romance takes time and a lot of serious consideration. A young couple, also, had to have at least a few dollars and a source of income, with which they could "start housekeeping."

The years 1818 to 1822 saw Margesons buying land, building houses (mostly log cabins), starting third generation families and making plans for the next migration, moving on out to the opportunities, new vocations and a bright new future.

Two of the Margeson Farms, however, were to have a fairly long life span. These were the Old Homestead of Thomas I and Mary Brundage and Tanglewood that of Thomas II and Deborah Wood. We Margesons, who are attempting to tell you this story, have known Tanglewood Farm better. We have visited this home many times as young fellows "on vacations," played along the rows of Concords, explored the rocky ravine, skipped thin stones on quiet waters, fished for sunfish and perch, watched the steamboats loading stacks of grape trays and listened to tales of other days from our parents and Uncles.

Thomas & Deborah purchased these acres in 1813-14 and lived upon them until the end of their lives.

How To Locate Tanglewood

Earle McGowan's Map of North Urbana as your guide, helps to orient your starting point at the Center (circle map) and point out north, east, west and south (NEWS).

North and first left is Coryell Road.

West and downhill, you stop at the first cross roads. This N & S road is the Urbana-Wayne townline road.

Coryell road extends to Route 54 and to the old Lakeshore road.

The Tanglewood Farm lies between the Coryell Road, (south) to the Keuka Lakeshore (west) the deep ravine, or "gully", on the north and the Urbana town line on the east.

Thomas II and his four sons farmed some 150 acres here. There was also a ten acre lot across the ravine in the Town of Wayne.

Using the map on the back of this page, we, take it easy and slowly, down from the Center to reach the Lake at Tanglewood Point.

These "Points" on our Fingerlakes, were formed in prehistoric ages, by the erosion of soil and rocks, washed out on the original lakeshore. At Tanglewood Point (for years known as Thomas Margesons Point) and at Grove Springs, four miles north, and in several other sites around Keuka, these points were made into ports of call for Steamboats during the Steamboat Era.

Below is the scene at Grove Springs an especially busy landing for the Grove Springs Summer Hotel. Tanglewood had a simpler dock and a large packing house, which we shall show you in a few minutes.



The Grove Spring Landing Dock

K E U K A L A K E

Tanglewood
Point

Old Lakeshore road

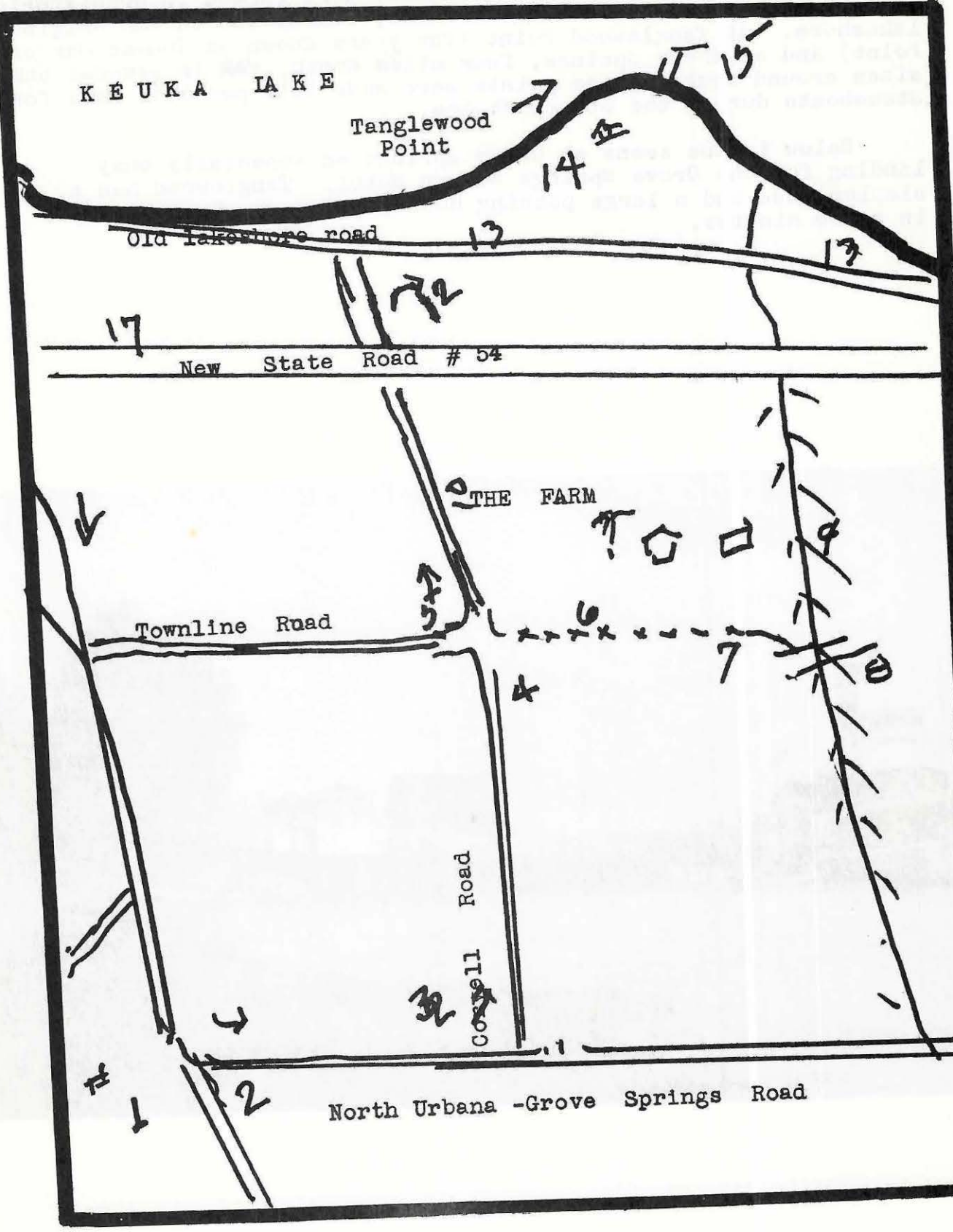
New State Road # 54

Townline Road

Coxwell Road

North Urbana -Grove Springs Road

THE FARM

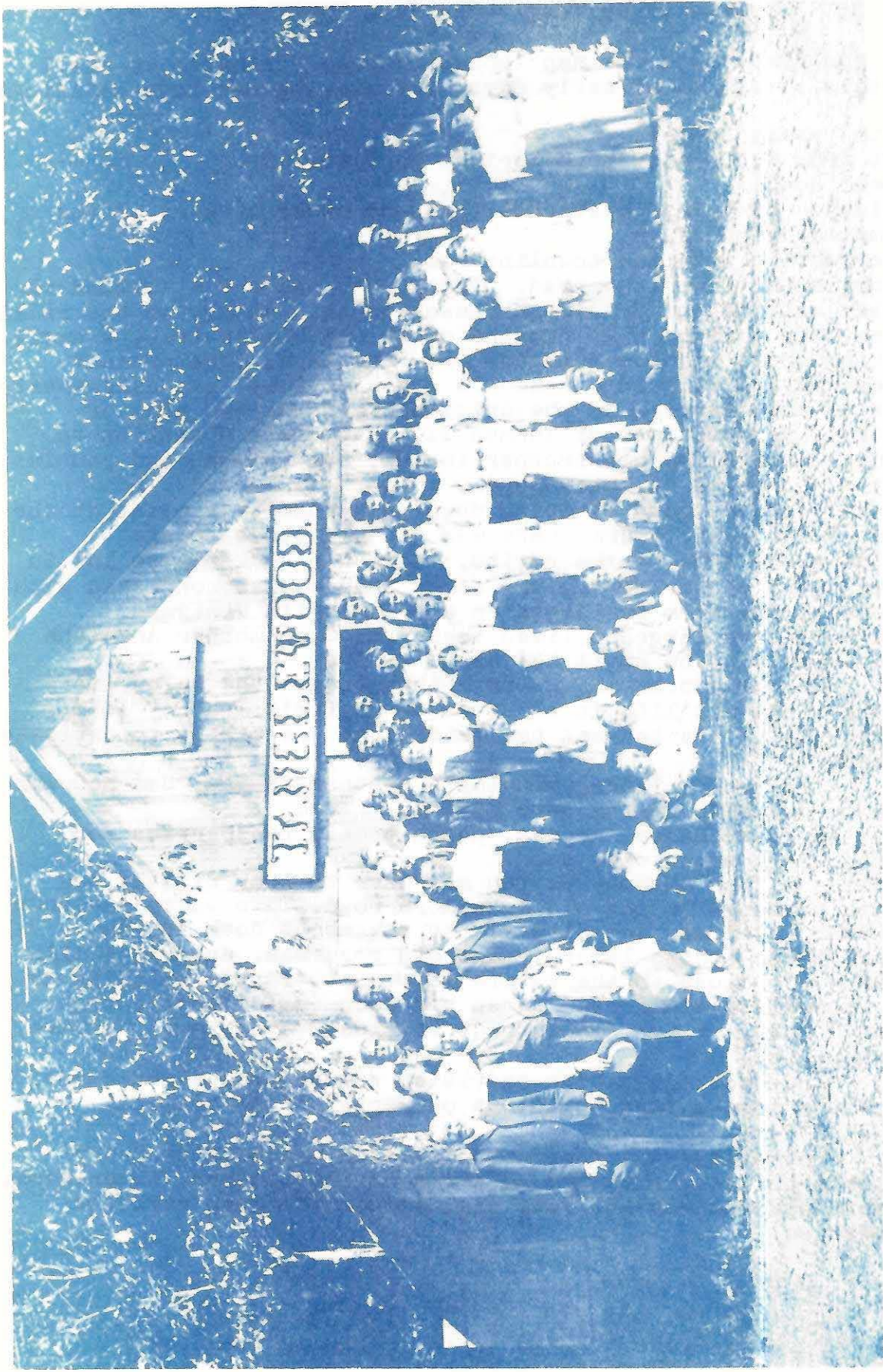


Details on Tanglewood Farm Map

As you read, with the map (opposite page) in hand, we shall see certain sites, as of early days, but missing man made buildings.

1. North Urbana Center.
2. Left from N. Urbana-Grove Springs road to - - -
3. Coryell Road
4. Residence of Herman Silvernal, present owner of part of the Thomas Margeson farm.
5. Intersection with the townline road.
- 6&7 Extension of town line road. Today, you may see a tumbled in cellar wall of the Bradley Margeson house. Nearby is the still live-water spring, what remains of an old willow tree, a small packing house and some timbers from the barn. (The present owner had the buildings razed in order to lower his assessment). This 36 acre portion of the original farm was the home of Bradley, youngest son of Thomas II. Pay close attention to Bradley, his wife, his brother-in-law, Sam McGowan and cousin Mary A. Margeson on later pages.
8. Is the "dugway" road slanting down the grade to a point at the head of the gulf, where there was an "old stone bridge".
9. On the north side of the ravine, there was a "Ten acre lot in Wayne" part of our farm. The stone bridge also connected with a road to the Farm Buildings on the Fairchild Vineyard. Alva A. & Etta Margeson lived there and Grandmother Angeline lived with her son until her death in 1909.
The gully near the stone bridge became the scene where Bradley lost his life in an accident on Christmas Day 1878. Tangled up in his team at the bridge, he was unable to extricate himself.
A few years later, Bradley's brother-in-law, Sam McGowan gave up his life in the same ravine.
- 10 & 11. Apple orchards, grapes, peach trees, raspberries and garden crops were to be seen.
12. Crossing modern highway 54 you may have to look closely to locate entrance to the old Lakeshore road. This takes you down to water level and the site of the steamboat dock and the packinghouse (photo later). The old road was, and for a mile or more, so close to the waters edge as to forbid building at the waterside. This road is an old documented "public right of way" that, so far, it can not be closed or sold to private ownership.
- 13 & 14. Were once log cabins and later framed houses and barns. There are some modern buildings on parts of the original Margeson farm.

Present times summer cottages line practically every suitable building site around Keuka and most other Fingerlakes. Moderns ask and receive very high prices for such vacation properties.



THE 1909 HOMECOMING REUNION

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This group photograph was taken at the 1909 reunion at Tanglewood Point on the Thomas II and Deborah Margeson farm. Shown present were grand children of Thomas and their children and grandchildren. Also a few cousins, descendants by Israel II. We've tried to "tie together groups" most closely related. Quite a number of the youngsters are still with us in 1970.

Family of Ira Margeson III, Eber J. & Mary Elizabeth, Martin V. & Martha Bell, daughter Akzada, son Guy H. ("George"), Minnie, Mrs. Nelson Hamner.

Children of Cyrus III Cyrus's widow Angeline was a bed patient at the home of her son, at the Fairchild Farm, nearby. Grandchildren: A. Wilson & Mary M., and children, Cetella, Peter Smith and wife Lettie with grand-daughters, Nina and Bernice; Cyrus V & Eunice with their sons Gerald and Arnold.

Mariah Margeson IV Mrs. Alpheus Wright and daughter, Nellie Wright, an older daughter Mary and husband Patrick McGivney (with derby hat)

Monroe IV & Elizabeth, daughter Ella and her husband, Wm. R. Mclean and daughter Florence, son Alva E. V Margeson

Paulina IV, Mrs. Charles Travis with son, Alfred and daughter Ruth.

Alva IV and Etta, host and hostess for the day.

The Descendants of Israel II Frank M. & daughter Hazel. Mary A. IV, sister of Frank. Mrs. Beckwith and her husband, Sam McGowan (Then living on the former Bradley house on Tanglewood Farm)

Children of Sarah, "Sally", III Margeson Carlinghouse. Sally & Daniel Garlinghouse's son Ashton and daughter, Pearl.

One or two unidentified guests, including a local minister names not listed.

The background is the packing house, described elsewhere in our story. In the foreground, at the waters edge, (not shown) was the steamboat dock.

These Margesons had come from near, and as far as 100 miles to visit familiar scenes. Some had been born here and grown to maturity in this neighborhood.

They had travelled by horse and carriage, by the Erie and Bath & Hammondsport Railroad, Steamboat and even afoot. There was no "horseless carriage" anywhere in sight.

Take time, now, to account for the disposal of this farm property. Involved were the four sons of Thomas II.

For details, turn to pages (27) to (38) of Part Two, Family Units Chart.

First the houses and farm buildings. For the plant of 150 acres, buildings were scattered from the lakeshore to the upper townline road. There must have been more than one log house. Cyrus II, his brothers and sisters were born in log cabins, grew up to maturity. Cyrus III and Angeline's children of IV generation were also born in probably the same cabins as their father.

The second set of buildings, were on more level ground near the lake. Bradley III and Amy Jane were owners of the upper level set of buildings. This property of some 30 acres reverted to Amy Jane's brother after the death of Bradley. This turned ownership to Sam McGowan, later to Frank and then to Earle McGowan.

Sam McGowan married Mary A. Margeson, widow of Charles Beckwith. Mary A., IV generation, grand-daughter of Israel II and daughter of Israel III, became the last Margeson, by birth, to have lived on the Tanglewood Farm.

Earle McGowan sold the Bradley Place to Herman Silvernail the present 1970 owner.

This last transaction brings us up from 1814 to 1970.

Lastly, What can we trace in the DISPERSAL of the descendants of Thomas II? Once more we refer the reader to Part Two pages (27) to (38).

If your descent by other II generation Sons is other than that of Thomas II, your "road map" is listed on the index of Part Two on page (1) and also by your key number and name (of II generation ancestor) in your 1970 Directory.

The eldest son of Thomas & Deborah completed his career at Dundee village in Barrington, Yates County.

John second son and his family (wives Paulina and Hannah, with no Margeson children,) was completed at Tecumseh, Michigan.

Cyrus, third son, stayed with his parents until after their death, then moved to Adrian. Cyrus died at the home of his son Monroe, at Towlesville and with his wife is buried in Fairview Cemetery.

Bradley, youngest son, derived his title on part of Tanglewood, through quitclaim deeds given by others of his relatives. Bradley's widow and two daughters gave deeds to Sam and Mary A. McGowan.

Alva A. Margeson IV lived for years, on the Fairchild Place which adjoined Tanglewood, as we have recorded.

FINIS TANGLEWOOD FARM