

A History of The Britton Farm

The Britton Farm was part of a Land Grant from King Charles of England. My Great Grandfather, Colonel Dean Britton was given a land grant which extended from Deans, N. J. to Plainsboro, N. J. and the land was divided among his six children one of which was my Grandfather, John Britton.

The land included the ground where the Plainsboro Grammar School is now located and The Presbyterian Church. I believe the land was given to the Township for the School and Church by John Britton, J. Russell Britton's father.

J. Russell Britton, and his twin sister Ethel Britton Snedeker were born on the farm, which extended from the Louis farm on the East and ^{Edgemere Ave.} ~~Dey Road~~ on the West, Aunt Kate Britton Wicoff's farm was on the North and the Mill Pond on the South. Russell and Ethel's father died when they were 4 years old, and their Mother, Ann Perrine Britton died when they were 12, so they left the Farm and went across the road to live with Aunt Kate Britton Wicoff, J.V.B. Wicoff's Mother until they were married.

Russell married Harriet Dey and moved back on the farm when he was 21 years old, and lived there then till he died at the age of 75 or 54 years.

When Russell was about 65 years old, he sold the farm to his oldest son Harold R. Britton. They raised potatoes on this land, as their main crop, for as long as they had it. Harold and Dad farmed it for many years until it was not profitable any more then Harold sold it to Princeton Meadows who built apartments on it.

A few years later Harold sold the house and barns to The Gospel Fellowship Church, of which Rev. Stanton Clark is the minister, and who is now building a Church from the barns, and using the house as a manse, I believe.

Respectfully submitted,

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Daughter of Russell and Hattie Britton