**George McEwen**

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| George McEwen was born in Culloden in south west Oxford in 1922, the youngest of four children (3 boys and 1 girl). His mother and her family had come to Canada from England when she was only two years of age. They settled in Culloden. His maternal grandfather was a tin smith and handy man, and was known on those parts as Tin Willie. On his father's side, his great great grandfather had come from Ireland and acquired | E:\2013 12 Probus booklet Photos\McEwen, George.tif |

crown land on the 5th concession of Dereham Township.

George's father was born in Verschoyle and operated a mobile threshing mill and also a grist mill. He was a particular man in servicing his equipment, an attitude obviously inherited by George. Unfortunately he died in 1933 when George was only eleven years of age. Times were tough, and food was short, but boyhood pleasures were still enjoyed, ice hockey on farm ponds using horse dung pucks being one example. At twelve years old he went to work.

In 1939, George obtained a job with Standard Tube. It was about that time that he met a young lady, Eva by name, whom he would marry some years later. He joined the RCAF In 1942 and served as an aero engine mechanic at #4 RD in New Brunswick, carrying out major overhauls on Spits, Mosquitos and Lancs, to name a few. He was discharged toward the end of 1945 and married Eva in 1946. Their family consists of three children and five grandchildren.

Fo1lowing a spell with Boys' E1ectric, George went into partnership with an associate and formed Campbell and McEwen, a heating and sheet metal business in Woodstock, installing up to 100 furnaces a year. Illness unfortunately caused George to eventually dissolve the partnership in 1971 after almost twenty years of successful operation. He, however, continued his interest in the heating industry, working for another company as a designer and salesman, a job which took him throughout Canada. In 1987, George retired.

His interests today include travel, gardening, photography (witness the Probus Directory); though he claims he is out of focus. He delivers the Newsletter, and is a volunteer driver for the Cancer Society and the Red Cross. He joined Probus in 1990, and we are proud of him.