**Bill Weatherston**

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| Born in Brantford, he was raised on farms in the Troy and Caledonia areas. He attended Woodhill Public school and Lynden and Caledonia High schools. At  Caledonia he played on the Juvenile baseball team winning the Ontario title. He also played Fastball with the Ancaster and Mt. Hope teams. | E:\2013 12 Probus booklet Photos\Weatherston, Bill.tif |

Bill finished High School then worked for a year at International Harvester in Hamilton, before continuing his education at the Ontario Agriculture College, now known as the University of Guelph. After graduating, he worked 1 year for

Norwich Co-op, before returning to the home farm to work. He was still playing baseball with Mt. Hope when they defeated Elliot Lake to win the OASA Intermediate B title.

He was a member of the Haldeman Junior Farmers and was one of four chosen to go to the UK for 10 weeks. They visited and stayed on farms in Northern Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales. They also went to larger centres and he was able to take close up pictures of the Queen at The Royal Show.

An eventful year in 1965 saw Bill retire from baseball, get married to Janet and purchase his parents farm. They had 2 children while in Caledonia, while their youngest was born in the Woodstock area. They had to sell in 1969 when Hydro decided to build a substation in Middleport and the lines going to Nanticoke would go through their property.

In 1971 they moved to a 200 acre farm just north of Sweaburg and continued with

the dairy herd and their seed business. They sold for Pioneer Seeds for 35 years

and travelled with the company to Brazil, Hawaii, Jamaica, Barbados, California,

Los Vegas, the Caribbean and Alaska. The still like to travelled with some of the friends they made on these trips.

In1992, they sold the dairy herd, rented additional land and cash cropped. In 1997 Bill had heart surgery to replace an aortic valve. In 2000 they decided to slow down, so they rented out their land. Last year they sold the farm and built a home in Woodstock.

While farming, he was involved in a number of organizations - International

Plowing Match, Oxford Milkway Transport, Oxford Milk Committee, Oxford Corn Producers and Ontario Corn Producers Association. He is also a Charter Member of Sweaburg and District Lions Club.

In retirement, they visit children and their families in Dorchester, Calgary and Sackville, N.B. They spend a couple of weeks down south in the winter.

Bill enjoys curling in the winter, golf in the summer and visiting at Tim Hortons.