**Dr. Gerald McKay**

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| Gerald McKay was born in 1930, one of three children, on the family farm located on the 13th line north of Woodstock, now part of Pittock l.ake. He was delivered by Dr. C. McKenzie McKay, a relative of the fami1y, and well known Woodstock physician and military doctor.  His great grandparents on his father's side hailed from | E:\2013 12 Probus booklet Photos\McKay, Gerry.tif |

settled near Braemar, but shortly after moved to better 1and. His maternal great Scotland, and originally grandparents, Dunn by name, came from England, and settled north of Woodstock. Gerry's father farmed and also barbered, charging 25 cents for a haircut.

Gerry first attended the Tollgate school on highway 59, followed by high school at WCI in Woodstock. Outside entertainment in those days consisted of shinny and ice skating in winter and, in summer, swimming, plus, of course, farm chores and the raising and harvesting of cucumbers.

In 1948 he entered the Veterinary College at Guelph, at that time part of the University of Toronto. While a student, he was hired by Dr. R. J. McDonald of the Oxford Holstein Breeders as a technician. This aroused his interest in cattle reproduction and infertility in both male and female animals. Thus began a life-long career.

Graduating as a veterinary doctor in 1952, he applied for and obtained a position with the Oxford District Cattle Breeders Association under the direction of Dr. McDona1d. His early years were spent out on the farms on pregnancy diagnosis, rectal examinations and other related matters from which he gained valuable experience. Eventually, he became head of the Semen Production Unit in the revamped Western Cattle Breeders Inc., located on highway 59, home of the world famous bull Hanover Hill Inspiration, and the first bull from which over one million doses of semen were so1d

Dr. McKay retired in 1995, and, with his wife Fran, enjoys travelling, cottage life and bird watching. They have a son and a daughter, both a married, and two grandchildren.

Curling, golfing and reading round out a busy retirement schedule, just reward for a busy and productive career.