**John McDougall**

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| John was born on September 24th, 1936, at home, in a little cottage house in Ancaster, Ontario. He still feels sorry for his mother as he was a bouncing 12 pound baby. His parents had a small farm in Ancaster along with a Thor Electrical Appliance store at 212 King St. East in Hamilton. During his pre-school years he spent many days and evenings at the store because his mother ran the store while his father was on deliveries or repairs. | E:\2013 12 Probus booklet Photos\McDougall, John.tif |

His Dad was the top Thor appliance salesman in Canada in 1930. They closed the store in 1942 and moved to a larger farm on Hwy. #53, still in Ancaster.

He started school in a one room school, attended Westdale Secondary School in Hamilton, where he played football with Russ Jackson as his quarterback. He received a Certificate in Business from Mohawk College.

In 1957 he met Doris Ecker at a Wentworth County Junior Farmers dance, and two years later they were married. They built a house in Binbrook and lived there until moving to Woodstock in 1969. They have three children and eight grandchildren. He and Doris are active members at St. David's United Church.

John's working career began n 1952 at continental can company where he was a Maintenance Mechanic for 4 years. In 1956 he joined Bell Telephone as Central Office Technician and later Construction lineman. He left Bell to work for Dofasco as a licensed Compressor operator and Maintenance Mechanic.

During these years he continued an interest in AJ, the Artificial Insemination of livestock. He was accepted to train to be an Inseminator and received his licence from University of Guelph in 1959. The next two years he was a part time technician with Hamilton District Cattle Breeders while working ful1 time at Dofasco. In March, 1963 he left Dofasco to work full time with Hamilton District Cattle Breeders, rising to the position of General Manager in May, 1969.

In July, 1969 Western Ontario Breeders Inc. was formed with the amalgamation of Oxford- Hamilton and Essex Breeders, with Dr. R.J. McDonald as General Manager. John moved to Woodstock and worked as Director of Field operations for 7 years. In 1976 he became Assistant General Manager and in 1988 was appointed General Manager. Another merger took place in June, 1996 when WOBI and United Breeders joined to form Gencor.

John took early retirement in July, 1996, but did contract work for the next 6 years, finally retiring in March, 2002. He enjoys their grandchildren, music, computers and camping in their Winnebago Motor home, and looks forward to spending more time in these areas.