

Reasonably sure house built ^{from Ireland} by Ross Mahon
1895-

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Harbour house

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Long Harbour

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wedding ^{reception} took place here Miss Ruth Walter married Mr
~~to~~ Archibald Buchanan July 1928 outside in
outside orchard

Fruit Trees mostly planted by Mr. Scovell early
turn of century. apples, Filberts, pear, prune, cherry
peach Fields supported, 1 cow, chickens,

Mr. Scovell grew Holly

house was in good condition when Mr. Brown purchased
barn-garage came with property, carriage house for
horse, second building to dry fish nets workshop
Dorothea remember Mr. ~~Mc~~ McAfee had blacksmith
shop had lovely big maple Trees, native
at foot of Genger hill on Ocean side dog wood

Grocery Shop was Trading Co.

Foxgloves on Mt. Maxwell herald summer in with a blaze of colour. This display without fail appears each June.

According to Mrs. Eva (Krebs) St. Onge, her husband Bernard Krebs left his log home out Scott Point way about 40 years ago, with a bag of seeds- foxgloves and canterbury bells, and headed for the Cranberry. As Mr. Krebs walked up the Mount Maxwell road he sprinkled seeds along the route, hence providing Islanders with this year yearly visual pleasure.

At first the foxgloves were accompanied by the canterbury bells in carpeting the roadside. Unfortunately though, those gorgeous deep blue bells are delectable delights to the Island deer, and bell's - the bells' share of the annual production was short lived, leaving the foxgloves to carry on alone.

of Mr. Krebs' flowers

In spite of the road widening operations taking so many in recent years, the foxgloves have done their part to ~~try and~~ keep the show going. Over the years they have multiplied and spread back up the hills and into the fields ~~in areas~~.

beyond.

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MAHON/SCOVELL HOUSE

See T. O'Connell Island Heritage Buildings
who say that the records do not show Mahon as ever having owned this property
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B. Hamilton: 1894: two experts in the mining field from Nanaimo, Scovell and Westwood, discovered gold in the Beaver Pt. rea. Took out claims on Henry Ruckle property, dug out a ton of quartz and shipped it by scow to Tacoma. Quartz was found to yield \$16./ton. Mine closed down after a year or two

From Dorothea Brown:

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Toynbee

Picture dated ca 1900 showing Mahon Hall ground on the left of the picture
exhibition xxx in the background is Tolson's R

Toynbee p.32 picture (Nora (Tolson) Nixon

picture shows John Norton, Charlie Tolson, Jack Scovell and Nels Nelson haying at Scovell's farm in Ganges ca 1890

Toynbee p.29: Ross Mahon with Hugo Robersshaw in front of the Mahon home near the head of Ganges Hbr. The name of this pioneer is commemorated by Mahon Hall and Mahon Hill. pic ca 1890.

IS THIS THE SCOVELL HOUSE? Nora (Tolson) Nixon photo

Photo taken by D. Brown ca 1930 shows color of house "reddish brown" barn paint suggested by Mr. Bullock. Cottage on right was built by Mr. Scovell, and was converted to a school house in 1932, Mrs. Moorhouse the teacher of this private school. Closed in 1937 (Toynbee p.66)

Orig. building by Ross Mahon approx 1895. New "addition" wing to the right of bldg. was built by Mr. Scovell for one of his sisters.

Mr. W.A. Brown purchased property from Mr. Scovell in 1930-31.

Scovell died in 1927????

MAHON/SCOVELL

The two brothers, Henry Louis and Ross Mahon, arrived on Salt Spring Island from Ireland in the 1880's. Handsome, aristocratic, energetic young men, they were sons of Ross Mahon of Ladywell, Athlone, and grandsons of Sir Ross Mahon, the first Baronet of Castlegar, Co. Galway. Brought up on the shores of Lough Ree, they were at home sailing and fishing the British Columbian coast. They bought land at Long Harbour and near the spit in Ganges, and became involved in selling lumber. In 1901, Henry Louis Mahon, the eldest son, succeeded his uncle John King of Ballylin, assuming the surname of King. Before returning to Ireland the brothers donated the Mahon Hall to the community of Salt Spring Island. Henry remained in Ireland, marrying Winifred Ward in 1904. Ross returned to Salt Spring and died here, a bachelor.

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