

CHURCH DAIRY FARM

AFTER THE END OF WWII COLON T. (DEAK) CHURCH AND EDISON CAME HOME TO THE OLD HOMESTEAD AND DECIDED TO START A DAIRY FARM. THEY WERE THE SONS OF J. COLON AND ADELLA TEMPLE CHURCH WHO HAD OWNED THE PROPERTY SINCE EARLY 1920'S AND IT WAS IN THE TEMPLE FAMILY FOR MANY YEARS BEFORE THAT. I HAVE A WILL FROM 1917 SIGNED BY ADELLA'S UNCLE JAMES F. TEMPLE GIVING ALL RIGHTS ETC. TO THE FAMILY.

THE BROTHERS HAD ABOUT 15 TO 20 HEAD OF CATTLE AND THEIR SISTER ESTELLE CHURCH CHIPMAN DELIVERED THE MILK IN GOULDSBORO IN A PICKUP TRUCK. LATER (ABOUT 2 YEARS) DEAK BOUGHT A FARM IN STEUBEN ON THE UNIONVILLE RD. HAD 15 -20 CATTLE DOWN THERE AND EACH DAY, BUT SUNDAY, ESTELLE DROVE TO STEUBEN TO PICK UP HIS MILK AND DELIVERED IT ALL OVER GOULDSBORO, INTO COREA, DOOR TO DOOR. THAT LASTED ABOUT 5 YEARS. THE LATER YEAR OR SO EDISON TRAVELED TO ELLSWORTH AND PICKED UP MILK AT HANCOCK COUNTY DAIRY. THEN HE DELIVERED THE MILK HIMSELF THRU SULLIVAN, WINTER HARBOR PLUS GOULDSBORO AND STEUBEN. EDISON DECIDED TO GO TO WORK FOR A CONSTRUCTION CO. AND DEAK AND FAMILY MOVED TO WARREN TO CARE FOR A FARM THERE. THE DELIVERY AND ALL EXPENSES WERE JUST TOO MUCH AND BOTH MEN HAD HOMES AND FAMILIES TO CARE FOR BY THAT TIME SO THE COWS WERE SOLD AND THAT FINISHED THE CHURCH DAIRY.

