

Lorne Akins Farm and Ranch



Lorne Akins was born in 1890 in Arnprior, Ontario. Around 1917, Akins came West to join his brother Jim. Akins married Marguerite Seibert. In 1918 he and his brother bought a farm in the area that is now Braeside and Forest Lawn. The farm was located on River Lots 47 and 48 along the Sturgeon River and covered 240 acres, of which 22 acres were under cultivation; the rest was bush. The family lived on the land for 20 years, until the farm was paid off. Akins would go on to be a town Councillor, school trustee and Lions Club member before he died in 1972. Lorne Akins Junior High School is named after him and is located where his farmland used to be.