

VICTOR A. AND EUGENIA JONCKHEERE FARM FOWLerville, MICHIGAN ESTABLISHED OCTOBER 23, 1917

On February 22, 1911, Victor and Eugenia Jonckheere were married in Nieuwmunster, Belgium. Shortly thereafter, the couple immigrated to the United States and joined Eugenia's brother in Colorado. They arrived in the middle of a summer drought season and soon moved to the area near Fowlerville, Michigan.

There, the couple purchased 117 and a half acres. In those early years, dairy cattle, horses, sheep, hogs, chickens, wheat, corn, and oats were the main sources of both food and income for the family.

In 1917, Victor and Eugenia's first children, identical twins, were born, whom they named Peter August and August Peter. The couple eventually had three other children as well. Over the years, they were able to expand their farm. In 1959, Victor sold the farm to his son Peter.

Peter and his wife, Barbara, raised seven children on the Jonckheere farm. In 1973, a fire destroyed the main barn for the dairy business and production switched to the raising of beef cattle.

Peter and Barbara sold 71 acres of the farm to their son Victor and his wife, Joy, in 1983. The other acreage was sold out of the family. In 1987, a devastating tornado tore through the farm and destroyed eight buildings. Neighbors and family rallied together, and by the end of 1987, two new barns were raised to replace those lost. Victor and Joy raised three children. Today, the family raises beef cattle, corn soybeans, and alfalfa on the farm. 



*Above: A 1938 portrait of the Jonckheere family.
Left: An aerial view of the Jonckheere farm c. 1960.*



The Jonckheere family in September 2011.

