

# “Going to the Farm Side”

## The tale of a city girl gone country Part 1: The Farm Hunt with a 1949 Fargo

The blue 1949 Fargo pick-up truck trundled down the side road in Musselman’s Lake on that fateful summer day in 2004. It was a beautiful old pickup truck, with cream leather seats and the original paint job still gleaming in the sun.



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ANGELIQUE FAWNS

what true farm life is, in this new column!)

My big puppy drooled all over his leather seats on that drive, and I drooled all over the beautiful racehorses his family owned. The fact that neither one of us found drool off-putting was a very good sign for the future.

The day before, I had seen “the man who was to become my husband” at a backyard party and we had our first date set up that morning. He did not tell me he was going to pick me up in an antique truck. I did not tell him that I was bringing my 70lb Boxer/Cane Corso puppy with us.

Luke George Fawns rolled his massive 6’8” frame out of the smallish cab and scratched his head when I asked if Roxy could join us. It took him about 4 seconds to decide that, seeing as how her fur was the same color as the brown cream leather, what harm could it do?

(First big check in my list of looking for Mr. Right)

We had decided that we were going to do a “farm tour” for our first official date. He was going to take me to the barn where his father kept their thoroughbred racehorses and then we were going to travel to the barn where I was boarding my mare and her one year old colt.

On the drive north of Stouffville we both shared our firm belief that the ONLY place to live was on a farm.

(His first big check in his list of looking for Mrs. Right)

Luke, who had grown up on a variety of farms, knew what this kind of life was like. I had a fanciful vision of gorgeous hay fields, horses grazing in green fields, and me sipping tea in a clean frock while enjoying the solitude and splendor.

(This would be why I am a “Country Girl!” in the country. I hope since learned this is NOT what country life is like. And I hope that you, kind readers, will join me on my adventures learning

From that day forward we began our hunt for the perfect farm to buy in York Region. Of course we quickly learned that the price of farms in York Region was at a premium, so we expanded our search to include Brock and Durham. Many of our dates included going for drives in the country to look at farms. Luke’s favorite route included driving up Durham Road One from Uxbridge to Udora. This road boasts beautiful rolling hills, stunning views, and some very expensive and well-kept rural real estate. One highlight on this route includes a round historical landmark church just south of Leaskdale, which always made Luke cackle, “So the Devil can’t corner you!”

Fast forward a couple years and Luke is now living with me in my bungalow at Musselman’s Lake, we are getting married, and the farm hunt has begun in earnest. We saw some very interesting properties during this time! One of my favorites was a stunning 100 acre farm in Brock Region with a blue house that had a berm of dirt along the front of the structure that seemed to be holding it up. The inside of the house had a staircase so slanted it was like a carnival fun house, and every floor was on a noticeable angle.

The house notwithstanding, the views from this place were to die for. One thing both Luke and I really love is big old bank barns. This one had a fantastic bank barn, with lots of room for cattle and horses (our two loves.) It had a bucket sitting in the aisle with calf parts in it. Cut up calf parts! I could not believe it; my first shock of many in my journey to becoming ‘A Country Girl’.

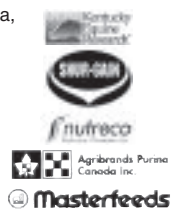
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