

Bob Hawkes (1937-2018)

Use this link to view Bob's interview <https://youtu.be/hdBawGsP6Gs>

Bob talks about his early days growing up on his parents' farm in East Bradford Township where he lived his entire life. He became a professor at West Chester University and kept bees for their pollination on the farm and honey. He and his wife Betsy travelled widely in the US West. Bob's many civic contributions included serving on the East Bradford Township Trails Committee and growing produce on the farm for distributions to Safe Harbor and to West Chester residents in County Housing Units.

In the interview, Bob covers many topics including:

James Ingram



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In the dwelling house opposite the mill, sitting in an easy chair upon the porch, is the father of the present owner—James Ingram. Time has touched him, but not dealt unkindly with him. While the wrinkles are deeper set than when I last saw him, the step unsteadier, the grasp of his hand less firm, while he moves in narrowing circles he has no means reached the last. He can still carve and raise strawberries.

W. W. MacElree, *Down the Eastern and up the Black Brandywine*, 1906, p. 139.

The Glen Mary strawberry



Glen Mary

Once widely grown, Glen Mary is still prized in New York and New England for its productive plants and its handsome, well-flavored fruits.

This sort was originated by J. A. Ingram, East Bradford, Pennsylvania about 1890 as a chance seedling; introduced by W. F. Allen, Salisbury, Maryland, in 1896 and placed in the American Pomological Society's fruit list in 1899.

U. P. Hedrick, *The Small Fruits of New York*, Report of the New York Experimental station for the Year ending June 30, 1925, p. 448.

Bob's heritage from his family – growing up at Ingram's Mill.



Bob's uncle (James W. Hawkes), grandparents (Samuel and Laura Hawkes) and father (Robert J. Hawkes) at Ingram's Mill. Photograph courtesy of Bob Hawkes.



Sam Hawkes and horse "Dan" at Ingram's Mill. Photograph courtesy of Bob Hawkes



Sam Hawkes and his 1922 Dodge truck at Ingram's Mill. Photograph courtesy of Bob Hawkes.