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Luther AND Melancthon

PART I

Named in Spite or Honour?

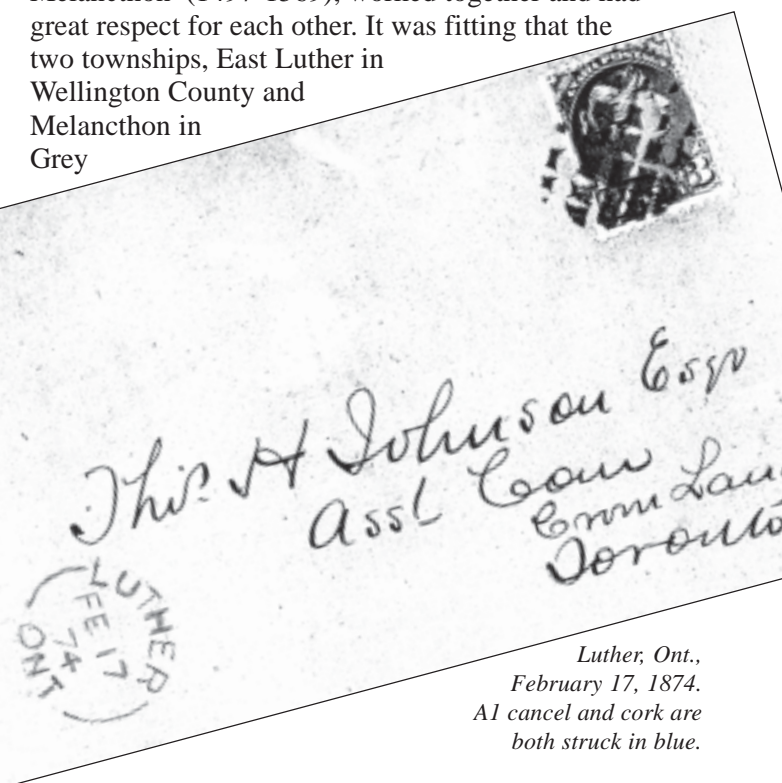
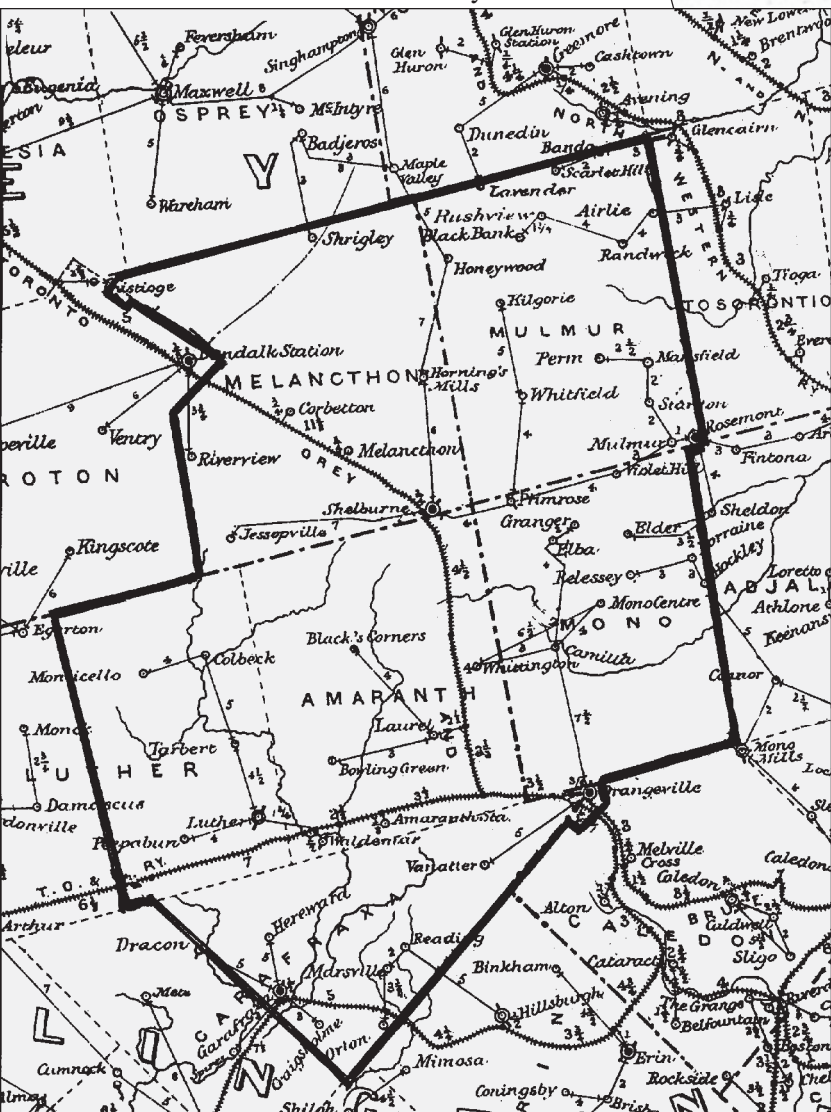
James E. Kraemer, F.R.P.S.C.

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When the two townships of Dufferin County, East Luther and Melancthon were surveyed they appeared worthless and unproductive. They consisted mostly of swamps and wet low lying areas. It was felt that they would never be settled. It was widely reported that the D.L.S. surveyor named them after two people he disliked, Luther and Melancthon. This story is not true.

The townships were laid out by different surveyors at a different time period.

The townships were named in the late 1820s by officials in the District Land Surveyor's office in honour of the two great German reformers, Luther and Melancthon. Martin Luther (1483-1546), and his younger associate Melancthon (1497-1569), worked together and had great respect for each other. It was fitting that the two townships, East Luther in Wellington County and Melancthon in Grey



Luther, Ont.,
February 17, 1874.
All cancel and cork are
both struck in blue.

County, should become diagonally associated as part of the County of Dufferin.

Lewis Burwell D.L.S., of Brantford was instructed in June 1831 by the Acting Provincial Surveyor in York to survey the Township of Luther. In September of that

Map of Dufferin County indicating the postal routes of 1883.

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year he “wrote that, the whole township appears to be one continuous swamp.” He further stated that, “the township can never be settled”, and suggested that the survey should be stopped. Twenty years later, in 1854, the Commissioner of Crown Lands at Quebec issued instructions to George McPhillip P.L.S., of Richmond Hill to complete the survey. McPhillip’s field notes described the township as, “all swamp”.

The survey of Melancthon was started in 1820 by Allen Robinet and Richard Bristol but was not completed until 1853. When Melancthon was named, officials left out the first, “h” in Melancthon’s name. Melancthon is adopted from the Greek words, *melancthon*, for Schwarzerd, [black earth]. Phillip Schwarzerd changed his name to Phillip Melancthon. In pioneer times it was customary to name the first community in a township after the township. This generally happened when the first post office was established. Luther in Luther Township and Melancthon in Melancthon Township were no exceptions.

LUTHER

The village of Luther on the banks of the Grand River in the south of “East” Luther had its beginnings in the early 1850s.
First

named **Joice’s Corners** it was proposed that the settlement be named Wellington. The name was not popular and soon a promoter, Manasseh Leason tried to have the place named, *Manasseh*. The name failed and *Little Toronto* was proposed as a name. The local settlers refused to accept the name. Finally in 1860 the village was founded as Luther, so named by the postal authorities when the post office was established on November 1, 1860. Samuel Stucky was appointed the first postmaster. The village was located on Concession 3, N. 1/2 Lot 30.

Prior to the establishment of the post office in Luther, the closest post office was at Reading. With the opening of the Luther post office arrangements were made for the mail to come to Luther once a week from Reading which in turn received the mail from Hillsburgh. Later Luther received its mail from Belwood. John Connor was the courier until 1871 when the railway was built. From 1871 to 1875 when the railway opened a station in Luther, the mail came from Waldemar. Sam Stucky was the courier.

After serving for 10 years as postmaster, Stucky resigned in June 1870. William Dawson, the first storekeeper in Luther applied for the postmastership. He received his appointment in October 1870. William Dawson and W.R. Scott were partners who had come from Toronto. Their store was on the East side of Main Street. The partners built a new frame store in the mid-1870s. William Dawson served as Reeve of Luther Twp.



Luther, Ont. – Dec. 9, 1874, Date stamp and cork cancel are in blue ink. B/S Toronto Dec. 9. Note that the cork killer differs from the one shown on the previous page.

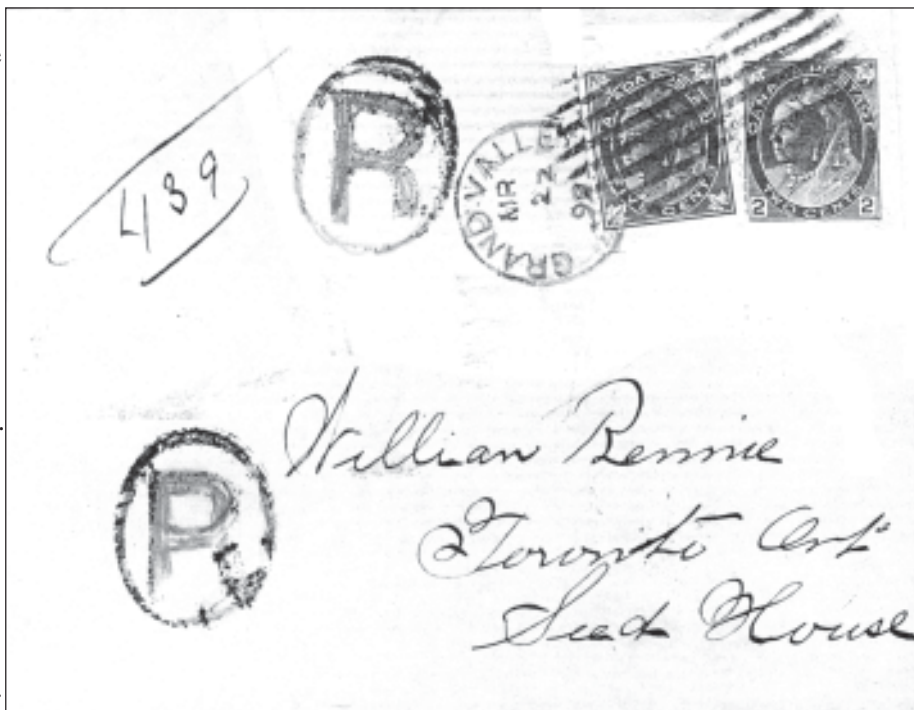
Luther, Ont. – Two covers May 28, 187- and October 29, 187-. B/S 1879. (Both covers do not have the year date complete. Was the Luther post office short of type in 1879?)

On the morning of January 20, 1877 the frame store including the post office were destroyed by fire. Letters, postage stamps and other papers were saved. Type and some forms were destroyed. William Dawson who lived close to where the store and post office were located, set-up the post office in his residence. The store and post office were quickly established in another building. Dawson, shortly after, left the partnership and returned to Toronto without formally closing the post office. Postal affairs were unofficially looked after by Mr. Scott. John Gordon who took an interest in Scott's store was appointed Luther's third postmaster effective January 1, 1878. Three-and-a-half years later Gordon resigned and opened a new store known as Gordon and Hamily's General Store. William R. Scott, the store owner and William Dawson's former partner became the new postmaster. In 1883 Scott sold the business to R.F. Taylor and went into the hardware and grocery business in a new store. Mr. Taylor was appointed postmaster on October 1, 1883. The community had enjoyed a rapid growth and the citizens felt that a more identifiable name was desirable. After several meetings the residents finally met in order to choose a new permanent name. The mill owner Sandy Richardson produced a flour known as *Grand Valley Flour*. Those at the meeting spontaneously chose the name Grand Valley. The postal authorities were notified and were asked to change the name of the post office. This was officially accomplished on August 1, 1885 when Luther became Grand Valley.

GRAND VALLEY

Robert Taylor, the re-appointed Postmaster of Grand Valley was also the proprietor and editor of a newspaper, *The Dufferin Star*, located in the same building as the post office. Taylor became the subject of controversy. Some residents complained that he was partisan in politics and should be removed from office. An investigation took place and Taylor was exonerated. This was in 1897 the year that Grand Valley was incorporated and admitted as the ninth and last municipality of Dufferin. Taylor sold the paper the same year.

It was on Saturday morning, October 27, 1900 when Grand Valley's worst fire took place. The fire was first seen in McLaughlin's bakery and soon spread to H.R. Francis Jewelry store, the post office, the Star Printing Shop, Baker's butcher shop, the drug store, Newberry's grocery store and the brick house of W.R. Scott. All were destroyed. Postage amounting to \$10.00 and \$6.96 in cash were lost in the fire but the mail was saved. The



Grand Valley registered cover, March 22, 1899. Toronto, Grey & Bruce Ex. Ry. East, No 1 R.P.O. cancel on reverse.

vault held \$30.26 in stamps and \$656.58 in postal notes. These were so badly damaged from excessive heat they were sent to the Post Office Department in Ottawa for credit and replacement. In 1901 Bob Taylor opened an office expressly for mail.

The delivery of daily mail to the surrounding farm homes started with RR #1 in 1910 and was followed by RR #2 in 1911, RR #3 in 1912 and RR #4 in 1915. After almost thirty-five years as Postmaster, Taylor resigned on July 28, 1913. His successor was Samuel Maxwell who had operated a barber shop and latterly a livery stable where horses and buggies were kept for hire. It was Mr. Maxwell's destiny to serve during WW I and into WW II.

The community grew and as a result the post office business increased. By March 1928 revenue was \$3167.19. The postmaster's salary was \$1321.00 plus allowances of \$533.78. During the winter months Harry Black acted as an assistant in the post office as did the postmaster's wife, Nellie Maxwell. In 1927, A. Moss and H. Richardson were listed by the Department as assistants. It was at this time that William Baxendale was the mail courier for RR #4. Joseph Ritchie started on June 10, 1919 as mail courier on RR #1, when he was 15 years old. The contract was in his father's name. In 1953 he received the Queen's Coronation medal in recognition of his long service. In 1961 he was still listed as the courier and was cited as holding the record in Canada for long-time service as a mail courier.

Mr. Maxwell who was born on March 8, 1870 was notified by the Post Office Department that since he was

over 70 years of age his services would be terminated. This was effected on October 12, 1940. The successful candidate for the Postmaster's position was Herbert James McDougall. During his term many changes took place but the most important was the erection of a modern new post office on Mill Street. It opened on December 30, 1958. Mr. McDougall was listed for retirement on his 65th birthday but at his request was allowed to stay on for another year. He retired on July 11, 1960, his 66th birthday.

Mr. McDougall's successor was Orville G. Hardy. He was postmaster for 18 years until 1978. The new postmaster, David A. Munn was postmaster for almost two years when he transferred to Arthur, Ontario to serve as postmaster in a larger office with better remuneration.

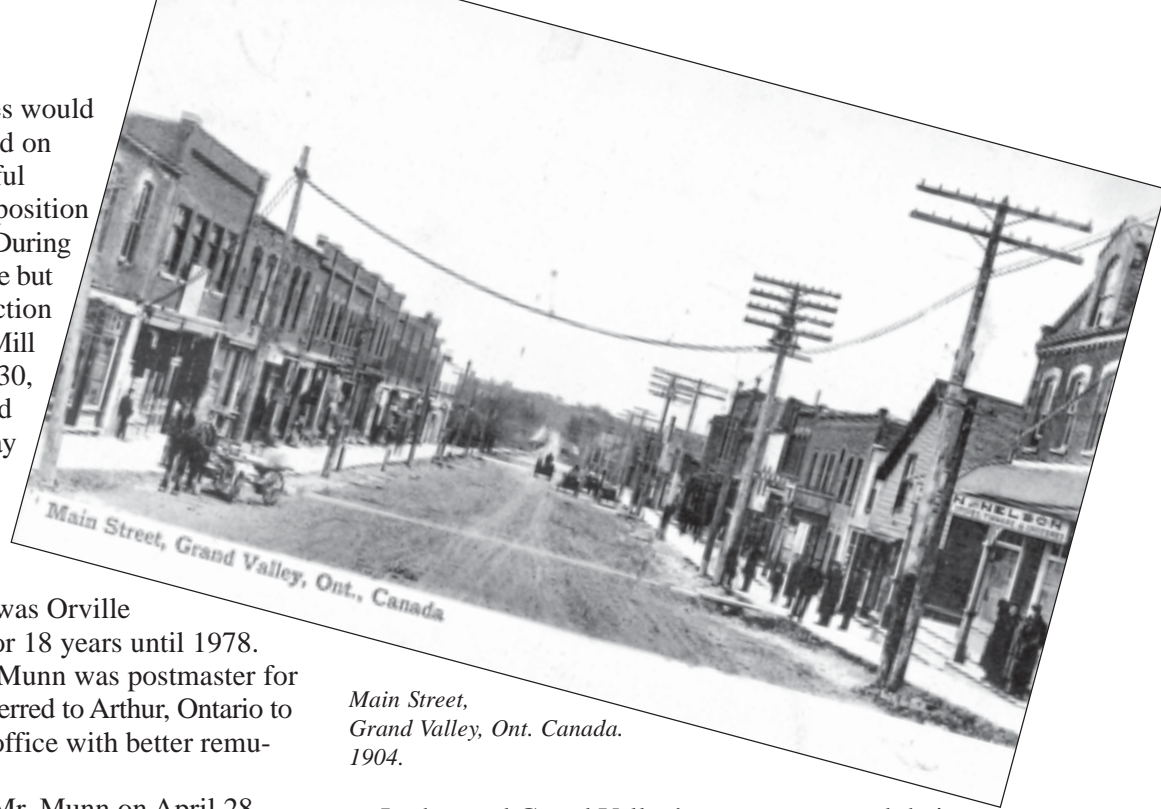
Brian C. Wilson succeeded Mr. Munn on April 28, 1980. Effective July 6, 1981 Brian Wilson left Grand Valley for a promotion to Sarnia. Later he transferred to Dundalk, Ontario and subsequently to Shelburne, Ontario. Ronald E. Rayburn was appointed Acting Postmaster on a temporary basis effective July 6, 1981. Patrick L. Gabriel received the appointment as Postmaster on February 3, 1982. After a year-and-a-half in office Mr. Gabriel left on a transfer to Winona, Ontario, effective November 23, 1983 and Mr. Ronald Rayburn was appointed Postmaster. Mr. Rayburn is still the Postmaster of Grand Valley, a busy post office with four rural routes.

A recent listing by Canada Post Corporation of "Householder Distribution for Non-Letter Carrier Offices", shows Grand Valley's rural routes as follows:

	Residences	Business	Total
RR #1	170	6	176
RR #2	114	6	120
RR #3	63	2	65
RR #4	119	7	126
Totals	466	21	487

Currently the Grand Valley post office is under the management of Ms. Cathy Campbell, CPC Retail Representative for the Acton-Orangeville area. In 1995 "The Corporation of East Luther and Grand Valley", was organized. After 98 years Grand Valley was no longer an individual municipality.

[*Ed. Note:* In the late 1980s and early 1990s, Canada Post Corporation in its endeavours to streamline their operation established two short-lived franchises in Grand Valley. Grand Valley RO (#410179) was located at 23 Main St. and operated from June 1, 1989 until March 14, 1990. This operation was replaced by Grand Valley RO (#012122) functioning from the Becker's Milk store at 24 Main St. It began March 12, 1990 and lasted until August 31, 1992.]



Main Street,
Grand Valley, Ont. Canada.
1904.

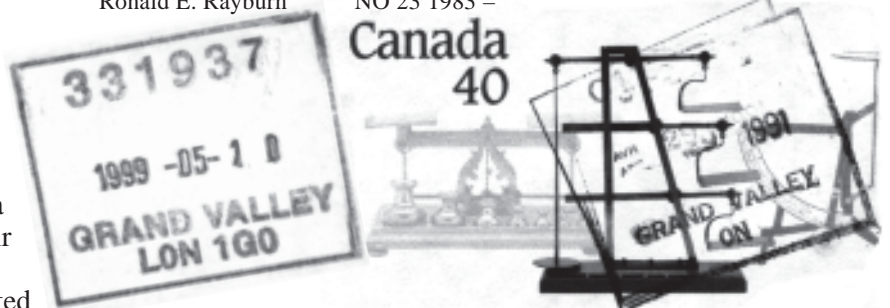
Luther and Grand Valley's postmasters and their periods of service.

LUTHER

<i>Post Office established:</i>	NO 1 1860	
Samuel Stukey	NO 1 1860 to JU 7 1870	<i>Resignation</i>
William Dawson	OC 1 1870 to 1877	<i>Left the area</i>
John Gordon	JA 1 1878 to JU 1 1881	<i>Resignation</i>
William Ross Scott	JA 1 1882 to JU 15 1883	<i>Resignation</i>
Robert Francis Taylor	OC 1 1883 to JY 31 1885	<i>Name change</i>

GRAND VALLEY

Organization # 331937	Postal Code L0N 1G0
<i>Post office name changed to Grand Valley: AU 1 1885</i>	
Robert Francis Taylor	AU 1 1885 to JY 28 1913 <i>Resignation</i>
Samuel Maxwell	OC 1 1913 to OC 12 1940 <i>Retired</i>
Herbert James McDougall	SP 24 1941 to JY 11 1960 <i>Retired</i>
Orville G. Hardy	JY 11 1960 <i>Acting</i>
Orville G. Hardy	JY 14 1961 to JU 27 1978 <i>Resignation</i>
David A. Munn	JU 27 1978 to AP 28 1980 <i>Transferred to Arthur, ON</i>
Brian C. Wilson	AP 28 1980 to JY 06 1981 <i>Transferred to Sarnia, ON</i>
Ronald E. Rayburn	JY 06 1981 – <i>Temporary</i>
Patrick L. Gabriel	FE 03 1982 to NO 23 1983 <i>Transferred to Winona, ON</i>
Ronald E. Rayburn	NO 23 1983 –



GRAND VALLEY #331937 is the POCON belonging to the Grand Valley Post Office. **#012122** (above right) belongs to the Becker's franchise which operated for a mere 30 months.

The concluding segment of James Kraemer's "Luther and Melancthon" will appear in the next issue of this newsletter.

Let us recap the period from the establishment of the first post office at Borden until the beginning of World War II. The first field post office was established May 22, 1916 and closed the 6th of January, 1919. No records are available currently to show who served as postmaster in this period of time.

A **CAMP BORDEN** post office was again established December 21, 1920 and operated under that name until April 25, 1940 at which time its name was changed to **CAMP BORDEN MPO 202**.

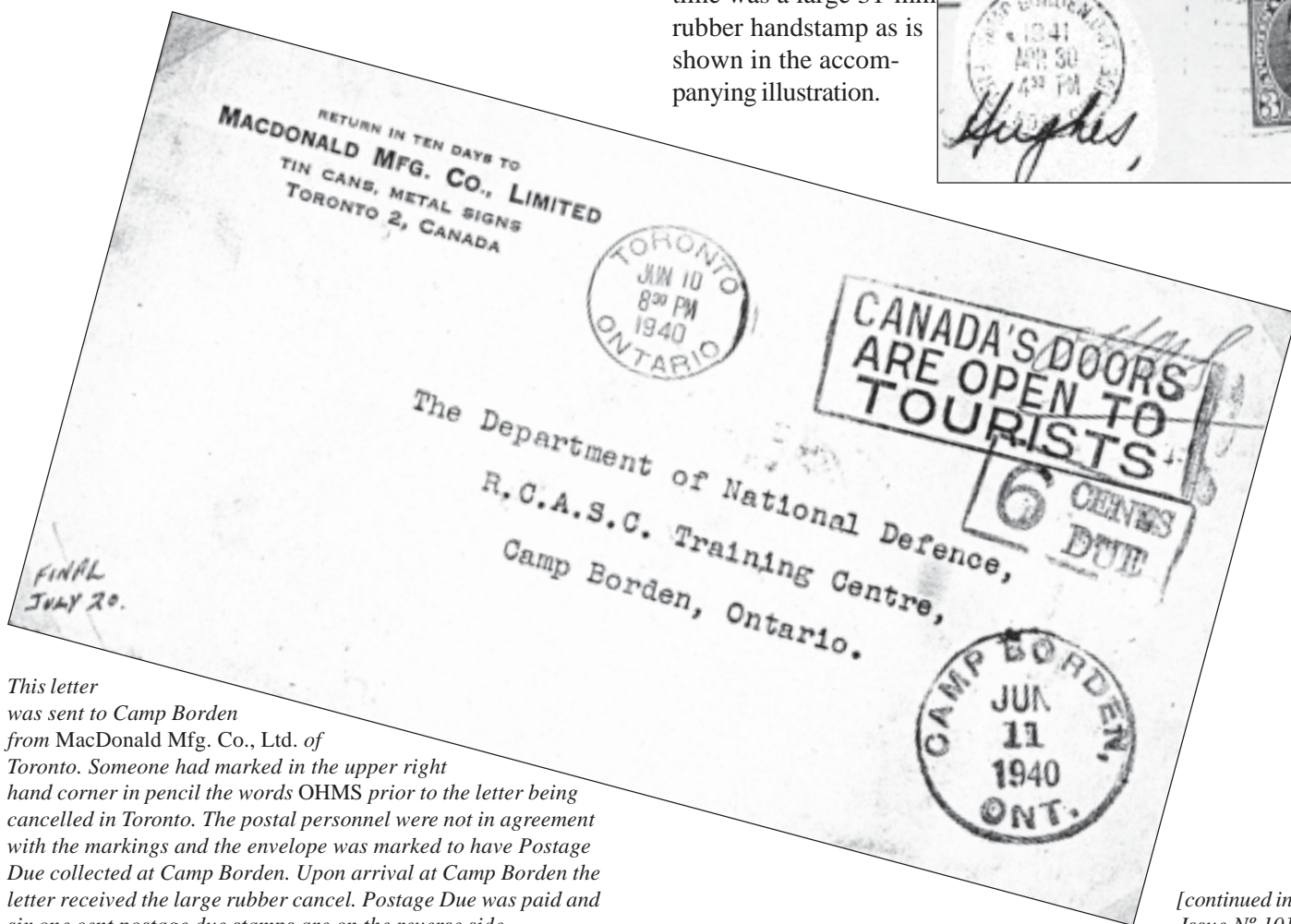
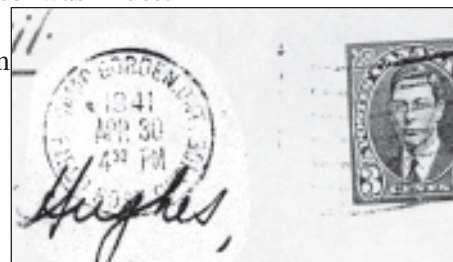
A number of men served in the capacity of postmaster, with most holding the position for only a few months. With the exception of one all reasons for vacancy was "resignation".

The following names of postmasters come from the records held at the National Archives:

1920, Dec. 21 until 1921, Jan. 19	Colonel D. G. Joy
1921, Feb. 24 until 1922, May 17	Major Geo. R. Rogers
1922, Sep. 22 until 1922, Dec. 26	Capt. F. J. Mawdesley [acting?]
??	Flight Lt. G. V. Walsh
1923, Aug. 31 until 1923, Dec. 23	Flight Lt. O. Berry
1924, May 2 until 1927, Apr. 7	Flying Officer F. S. Coghill
1927, Apr. 28 until 1931, Feb. 10	Flying Officer Elmer G. Fullerton
1931, June 5 until 1931, Sep. 2	Flying Officer V. W. Thompson
1932, Mar. 16 until 1932, Oct. 12	Flight Lt. Elwood E. Middleton
1932, Oct. 17 until 1935, Nov. ??	Flying Officer Arthur L. James
1935, Sep. 10 [acting]	Sydney George Barker
1935, Oct. 16 until 1936, Sep. 29	Flight Lt. Robt. B. Brown
1936, Oct. 8 until 1938, Dec. 2	Victor Stephen James Millard
1938, Dec. 30 [cancelled]	Flying Officer J. F. Fleming
1939, Mar. 30 until 1940, Mar. 29	George Robert Rodgers

Towards the end of this period and just prior to the renaming of the post office to **CAMP BORDEN M.P.O. 202** we have the use of the 23-mm FIELD POST OFFICE hammer as mentioned in the last issue. Not only that but a 22-mm machine cancel with smaller lettering and bars measuring 54 mm was put into use. The changeover to the MPO 202 designation was April 25, 1940 and yet the 22-mm interim machine cancels was used as late as April 30, 1941. By May 10, 1941 an MPO 202 machine cancel was in use.

Also in use at this time was a large 31-mm rubber handstamp as is shown in the accompanying illustration.



This letter was sent to Camp Borden from MacDonal Mfg. Co., Ltd. of Toronto. Someone had marked in the upper right hand corner in pencil the words OHMS prior to the letter being cancelled in Toronto. The postal personnel were not in agreement with the markings and the envelope was marked to have Postage Due collected at Camp Borden. Upon arrival at Camp Borden the letter received the large rubber cancel. Postage Due was paid and six one cent postage due stamps are on the reverse side.

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Dyer's Bay

PROOF STRIKE



LINDSAY TOWNSHIP BRUCE COUNTY

Gus Knierim

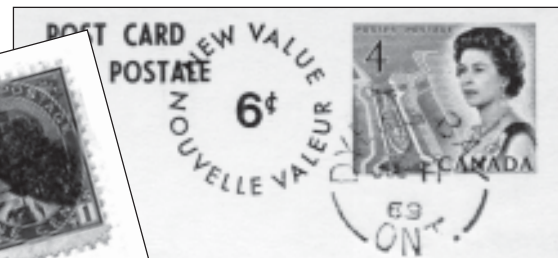
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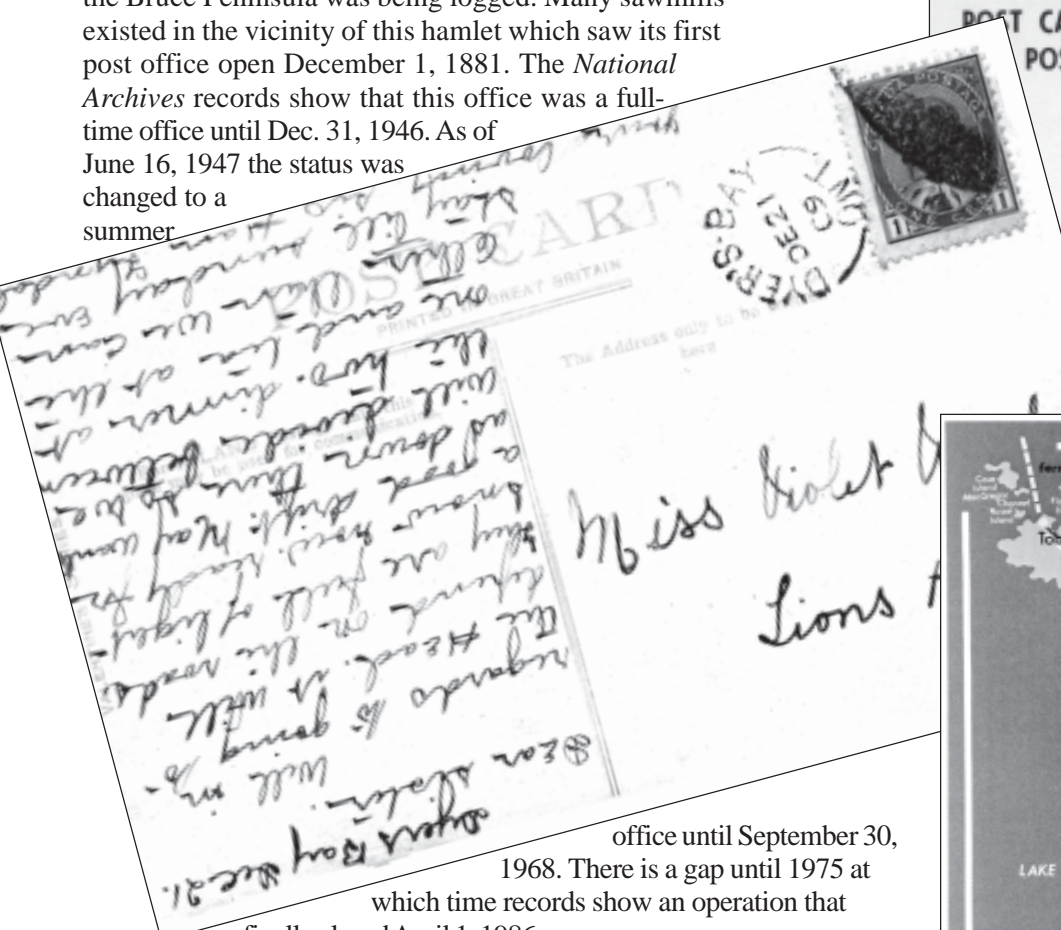
The Dyer's Bay General Store in earlier days. This building is no longer standing. Photo courtesy of PHELPS/EVANS COLLECTION

this altered hammer remained in use until the last days in the mid-1980s. It does not appear that Dyer's Bay ever had a cds hammer. This office was authorized to issue Denominative Money Orders not to exceed \$15.99 and could pay out if funds were available. The post office was assigned the number **79145**. MOON and POCON numbers were **3301** and **396001** respectively. No registration boxes nor MOON or POCONS have been seen and yet some must exist. In 1973 the total revenue for this office was \$242.00. Today the folks of Dyer's Bay are served by the nearby Miller Lake post office.

The hamlet of Dyer's Bay on the eastern shore of the Bruce Peninsula saw its beginning in the 1880s when the Bruce Peninsula was being logged. Many sawmills existed in the vicinity of this hamlet which saw its first post office open December 1, 1881. The *National Archives* records show that this office was a full-time office until Dec. 31, 1946. As of June 16, 1947 the status was changed to a summer



The same A1 BROKEN CIRCLE CANCEL with and without the apostrophe. A modern post card from the Bruce showing many of the early post offices. pub. by KUSTOM KLUBHOUSE, SUDBURY.

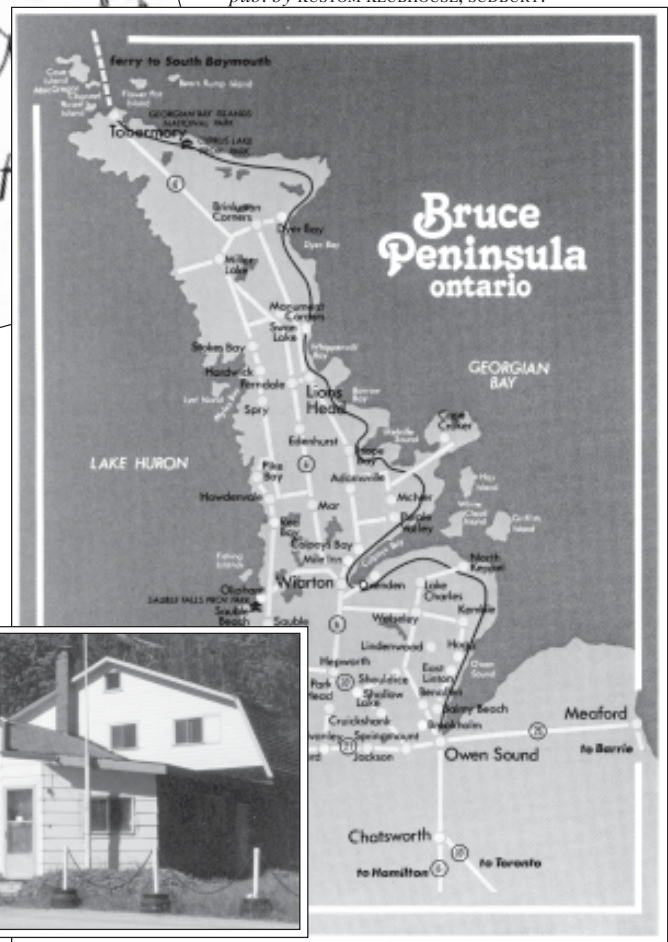


office until September 30, 1968. There is a gap until 1975 at which time records show an operation that finally closed April 1, 1986.

With the decline of logging in the Bruce some farming took place only to be replaced by vacationers and cottagers especially in the shoreline communities.

Only the 1882 hammer has appeared in the proof books but we do know that a second broken circle hammer *with an apostrophe* was in use as early as December 21, 1909. At some later point, as early as January 13, 1934, the apostrophe was excised and

Former Dyer's Bay P.O. (1990). Photo courtesy of BOB SMITH.



GREY County BROKEN CIRCLE POSTMARKS

by
W. Bruce Graham

**886 Purcell Crescent
KINGSTON, ON
K7P 1B9**

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information for this
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by sending him a*

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this Newsletter!*



A1



A2



A2x

Post Office	Proof Date	Type	Dia.	Earliest	Latest	Comment	Open	Close
☛ ¹ ABERDEEN ONT ALLAN PARK ALLAN•PARK ONT. (dot)	DE 2 1881 MY 20 1892	A1 A1	23.0 21.0	DE 29 1897 JY 26 1892	AP 12 1911 JY 14 1910	arcs 9.5, 8.5 arcs 3.0 mm	1881 1855	1918 1922
ALSFELDT ALSFELDT ONT. ALSFELDT ONT.	JY 29 1893 JUL 5 1911	A1 A1	21.0 19.5	MR 18 1912	OC 9 1906	arcs 5.5 mm arcs 9.0, 10.0	1875	1915
ALVANLEY C.W. (Berri) ALVANLEY ANNAN ☛ ¹ ANNAN ONT.	MR 14 1864	A2x A1 A1	20.0				1864	1895
ARNOTT ARNOTT ONT.	NO 6 1880	A1	20.5	DE 11 1900	JA 12 1911	arcs 9.5, 7.0	1868	1917
ARTEMESIA C.W ARTEMESIA C.W		B2x A2	25.0 20.0	16 March / 52 JA 10 1866	Mar 26 / 54		1851	1866
ASHLEY ASHLEY ONT. ASHLEY ONT.	SP 12 1893 MY 12 1913	A1 A1	20.5 19.0	SP 30 1895		arcs 9.0, 8.0 arcs 11.0, 10.0	1868	1916
AYTON U - C (dash between U & C) AYTON ONT AYTON ONT AYTON ONT (O's oval)	JY 6 1857 DE 26 1888	B2 A1 A1 A1	26.0 21.0 21.0 20.5	1858c MR 13 1879 OC 14 1898 MR 21 1904	1869c	arcs ? arcs 13.0 mm arcs 12.5 mm	1857	open
BADJEROS ☛ ¹ BADJEROS ONT. BADJEROS ONT. (O's oval)	JU 5 1886	A1 A1 A1	20.5 21.0	FE 20 1892 AP 24 1906	MY 15 1900 AP 20 1959	arcs 3.5 mm arcs 10.0, 9.0	1875	open
BALACLAVA ONT. BALACLAVA ONT.	MR 3 1890 OC 3 1894	A1 A1	21.5 20.5	OC 5 1908	FE 16 1934	arcs 4.5, 4.0 arcs 4.0 mm	1890	1961
☛ ¹ BANKS ONT BAYVIEW ONT BAYVIEW ONT BAYVIEW ONT ☛ ¹ BAYVIEW ONT. (Oval "O") BAYVIEW ONT.	AP 3 1876 FE 16 1889	A1 A1 A1 A1 A1 A1	21.0 20.5 20.0 20.0 21.0	AU 6 1904 NO 1 1873 FE 17 1886 AP 1 1896 SP 2 1907 FE 23 1911	AU 1 1910 JUN 5 1912 FE 2 1914	arcs 12.0, 11.5 arcs 8.5 mm arcs 7.0 mm arcs 8.0 mm arcs 9.0 mm arcs 9.0 mm	1876 1873	1915 1914
BEAVERDALE ONT ☛ ¹ BEAVERDALE ONT. (Oval "O")		A1 A1	20.5 20.5	MR 20 1899	JA 6 1912	arcs 3.5, 4.0 arcs 5.0 mm	1899	1914
BEN ALLEN ONT. BEN ALLEN ONT. ☛ ¹ BENTICK C.W. (spelling error)	DE 16 1908 MY 25 1848	A1 B2x B2	20.5 25.0	31 March / 49 JA 22 1855	April / 21/54 AU 4 1856	arcs 7.0, 8.0	1847	1865
BENTINCK U.C. #1 BENTINCK C.W. (Berri) BENTINCK C.W. (large cds) BENTINCK C.W. (large cds)	FE 25 1860	A2 cds cds	21.0 30.0 34.0	DE 7 1861 1861 FEB 26 1861 FEB 26				
BENTINCK ONT. #2 BERKELEY BERKELEY ONT. BERKELEY ONT. BERKELEY ONT.	JAN 26 1911 AP 26 1880 MY 25 1923	A1 A1 A1 A1	20.0 22.0 20.0	20.0 JY 30 1894 AU 5 1909 AP 23 1926	MR 7 1905 AP 3 1920 1 V 1978	arcs 7.5 mm arcs 5.5 mm arcs 6.5, 4.0 arcs 11.0 mm	1911 1857	1913
☛ ¹ BIRDELL ONT. BLANTYRE ☛ ¹ BLANTYRE ONT ☛ ^{A2} BLANTYRE ONT		A1 A1 A1	21.0 22.0 21.0	AP 20 1903 MR 13 1883 JAN 20 1908	SP 2 1907 AP 1 1903 MY 22 1922	arcs 12.5, 11.5 arcs 6.4, 6.0 arcs 7.0, 6.5	1902 1863	1913 1922
BOGNOR•ONT•CANADA BOGNOR ONT. BOOTHVILLE ONT. BOTHWELL CORNERS ONT BRICE HILL BROOKHOLM ONT BROOKHOLM ONT. (wide letters)	JY 16 1879 SP 2 1892 AU 10 1878	A4 A1 A1 A1 A1 A1	22.0 20.0 21.0 20.0 21.5 21.0	AP 6 1888 DE 28 1898 FE 11 1898 MY 1 1913 JU 28 1900	JY 2 1933 AP 11 1904	arcs 2.5, 2.0 arcs 5.5, 6.0 arcs 2.5 mm arcs 3.0, 2.5 arcs 7.5, 6.0 arcs 3.0, 4.0	1879	1896 1913 1905 1914 1899 1913 1878 1918
BUNESSAN ☛ ¹ BUNESSAN ONT. BURNHOUSE		A1	21.0	MR 29 1909	M3 3 1910	arcs 7.0, 6.5	1874	1913 1904 1909
☛ ¹ CALDERWOOD ONT. CALDERWOOD ONT (O's oval) CAMPERDOWN ONT ☛ ¹ CAMPERDOWN ONT. (O's oval)		A1 A1 A1 A1	20.0 21.0 21.0	MR 18 1886 FE 3 1898 SP 6 1898 AP 4 1908	JUN 5 1906 SP 3 1947	arcs 4.0, 3.0 arcs ?, 5.0 arcs 4.0, 3.5 arcs 4.5, 4.0	1885	1915 1887 1964 1853 1920
CAPE RICH CAPE•RICH ONT (dot) CEDARVILLE U.C CEDARVILLE C.W CEDARVILLE ONT ☛ ¹ CEDARVILLE ONT.	JY 9 1888	A1 B2 A2x A1 A1	20.0 20.0 21.0 20.0 21.0	AP 28 1909 1860c ??? (opened 1861) Nov 26 / 74	Jan 28 / 75	arcs 6.0, 8.0 arcs 6.0 mm arcs 7.5, 8.0 arcs 5.0, 4.0	1861	1970
CEYLON ONT. CEYLON ONT. CHATSWORTH U.C (Berri) ☛ ¹ CHATSWORTH ONT. (O's oval)	OC 23 1894	A1 A1 B2 A1	21.0 21.0 25.0 20.0	AP 13 1904 MR 25 1899 1858c MY 3 1899	FE 12 1937 AP 17 1912 1875c AP 2 1906	arcs 5.0 mm arcs 10.5 mm arcs 4.5, 4.0	1899	1969 1857 open
CLARKSBURG C.W (Berri) CLARKSBURG ONT ☛ ¹ CLARKSBURG•ONT•CANADA CLARKSBURG ONT.	AU 15 1862 FE 25 1877 AU 1 1879	A2 A1 A4 A1	20.5 21.5 23.0 20.5	DE 28 1868 JU 19 1877 AU 29 1879 DE 23 1907	DE 6 1878 ?? 1881 AU 23 1886 AU 25 1919	arcs 5.5, 6.0 arcs 3.5, 4.0 arcs 6.5, 5.5	1862	1868 1970
CLAVERING CLAVERING ONT. ☛ ¹ CLAVERING ONT (no period) ☛ ¹ CLAVERING ONT. (period)	JY 23 1880 FE 28 1891	A1 A1 A1	22.5 21.0 20.0	22.5 JA 14 1895 MR 24 1903	DE 31 1955	arcs 8.5 mm arcs 5.0, 5.5 arcs 4.5, 4.0	1879	1915
COLENOS•ONT•CANADA CORNBUS C.W (Berri)	JA 2 1880 SP 30 1864	A4 A2	21.5 20.0	AP 1 1894 1866c	MR 23 1899	arcs 1.5 mm	1864	1870

**GREY
County
BROKEN CIRCLE
POSTMARKS**

Post Office	Proof Date	Type	Dia.	Earliest	Latest	Comment	Open	Close
COVERLEY COVERLEY ONT.	MY 12 1886	A1	20.0			arcs ??	1869	1892
☛ ¹ CRAIGLEITH U.C. (Berri)	JY 6 1857	B2	25.0	OC 2 1858	MR 2 1860		1857	1945
☛ ¹ CRAIGLEITH ONT		A1	21.5	AP 11 00	AU 6 1904	arcs 10.5, 11.0		
CRAIGLEITH ONT	NO 9 1911	A1	18.5	OC 22 1931	JUN 3 1933	arcs 6.0, 5.5		
CRAWFORD		A2					1863	1913
CRAWFORD•ONT•CANADA	AU 1 1879	A4	23.0					
CRAWFORD ONT.		A1	21.0	MY 23 1907		arcs 6.0, 6.5		
CRUIKSHANK							1870	1914
DAYWOOD							1863	1882
DERBY•MILLS ONT.	JY 9 1890	A1	21.0	JU 9 1900	JA 28 1913	arcs 4.0, 3.0	1890	1913
DESBORO•ONT		A1x	21.0	1871c			1869	open
☛ ¹ DESBORO•ONT•CANADA	OC 9 1879	A4	22.0	NO 21 1895	OC 28 1897			
DESBORO•ONT.		A1	21.0	AP 5 1912	SP 22 1966	arcs 8.5, 8.0		
☛ ¹ DORNOCH ONT. #2	JY 2 1880	A1	22.5	AP 19 1899	DE 23 1916	arcs 10.0, 9.5	1880	1969
DORNOCH ONT.	AP 20 1920	A1	21.0			arcs 9.0, 9.5		
DROMORE		A2					1863	1968
☛ ¹ DROMORE ONT		A1	21.0	1869c	SP 22 1873	arcs 12.0, 13.0		
DROMORE ONT	AP 20 1882	A1	23.0	AU 16 1891	OC 4 1901	arcs 10.5, 9.5		
DROMORE ONT. (O's round)	JY 6 1887	A1	20.0	JY 10 1893		arcs 7.0 mm		
DROMORE ONT. (O's oval)		A1	20.0	MR 29 1904	FE 25 1935	arcs 8.0, 7.0		
☛ ¹ DUNCAN ONT		A1x		Dec 2 / 1870	Au 19 / 71	arcs 11.0, 12.0	1870	1967
DUNCAN ONT.	JY 6 1887	A1	20.0	AP 4 1894	MY 1 1894	arcs 8.5, 8.0		
DUNCAN ONT	JA 9 1919	A1	21.0			arcs 11.0 mm		
☛ ¹ DUNCAN ONT.	AU 17 1932	A1	22.0	DE 14 1932	MR 8 1949	arcs 12.0, 11.5		
DUNDALK U.C. #1 (also Dufferin Cty)		B2x	25.0	August 20th 1859	1872c		1856	1874
☛ ¹ DUNDALK ONT		A1	21.5	OC 23 1873	1875c	arcs 10.0, ??		
DUNDALK #2		A1	19.0	SP 9 1892	JU 8 1896	arcs 5.5 mm	1885	open
☛ ¹ DUNDALK•STATION ONT (dot)		A1	20.0	DE 29 1874	DE 13 1877	arcs 3.0, 2.5	1874	1885
DUNDALK - STATION ONT		A1	21.0	JY 1875	MY 29 1880	arcs ??		
DUNDALK - STATION ONT.	SP 2 1881	A1	22.0			arcs 3.5, 3.0		
DURHAM C.W		B2	25.0	1868c			1865	open
DURHAM C.W (Berri)	NO 17 1865	A2	20.0	1859c ??	1868c			
DURHAM ONT		D1	22.0	DE 30 1868	MR 21 1883	PM & blank		
DURHAM ONT	JA 3 1879	A1	21.5			arcs 10.5, 9.5		
DURHAM ONT.	FE 5 1881	A1	21.0	JU 20 1884	JA 26 1901	arcs 9.5, 9.0		
DURHAM ONT.	SP 29 1917	A1	20.0			arcs 9.5 mm		
EAST GLENELG		B2					1851	1864
EAST - HOLLAND C.W		B2x	25.0	10 Augt / 52	1 Augt / 56		1851	1857
EAST • LINTON ONT. (dot)	JY 2 1881	A1	21.0	MY 10 1898	JUL 5 1960	arcs 5.0 mm	1881	1970
☛ ¹ EBORDALE ONT		A1	19.5	JUN 18 1908	DE 22 1910	arcs 8.0, 5.5	1904	1914
EDGE-HILL ONT. (dash)	DE 22 1881	A1	23.0	JY 22 1882		arcs 9.0, 8.0	1881	1913
☛ ¹ EDGE • HILL ONT. (dot)		A1	20.5	DE 24 1906	FE 1 1911	arcs 3.0, 2.5		
EGREMONT U.C		B2x	25.0	1860c	Augt 18 / 73		1855	1890
☛ ¹ ELMHEDGE ONT.		A1	21.5	MY 25 1909	AU 30 1911	arcs 5.0, 6.0	1884	1915
EPPING U.C (Berri)	DE 11 1858	A2x	20.0	1869c			1858	1925
☛ ¹ EPPING ONT. (smaller letters)		A1	19.5	FE 22 1887		arcs 11.0, ??		
☛ ¹ EPPING ONT.		A1	20.0	AU 22 1892	MY 18 1910	arcs 6.5, 7.5		
ERSKINE ONT.	OC 3 1887	A1	20.0	NO 30 189 ??		arcs 9.0 mm	1887	1899
☛ ¹ EUGENIA C.W. (often type date over it)		A2x	20.0	1869c	23 / 2 75		1862	1969
EUGENIA ONT. (U has flat base)	FE 2 1880	A1	21.0	FE 1 1892	OC 5 1906	arcs 9.0 mm		
EUGENIA ONT. (straight line cork EUGENIA)		A1	21.0	FE 1 1892		arcs 9.0 mm		
EUGENIA ONT. (U has rounded base)		A1	20.5	OC 24 1908	DE 14 1941	arcs 9.0 mm (G differs)		
EUPHRASIA C.W	MY 25 1848	B2x	25.5	April 16 1852	11 / 111 / 1859	blue, red	1848	1861
EUPHRASIA C.W	JA 29 1849	B2x	25.5					
FAIRMOUNT ONT. (no period)	AU 6 1877	A1	22.0	SP 10 1883	SP 10 1903	arcs 7.0, 5.5	1877	1918
☛ ¹ FAIRMOUNT ONT.		A1	20.5	DE 19 1917		arcs 3.5 mm		
FEVERSHAM U.C		B2x	20.0	4 / 8 75			1857	open
FEVERSHAM•ONT•CANADA	JA 16 1889	A4	22.0					
☛ ¹ FEVERSHAM ONT. (O round)		A1	20.5	FE 6 1876	AU 4 1898	arcs 7.5, 8.0		
FEVERSHAM ONT. (O oval)		A1	19.5	AP 26 1899	AP 8 1912	arcs 5.0, 5.5		
☛ ¹ FLESHERTON C.W	MY 25 1866	A2	21.0	NO 15 1871	DE 14 1882	arcs 3.5 mm	1866	open
FLESHERTON ONT.	NO 6 1880	A1	21.5			arcs 5.0, 4.0		
FLESHERTON ONT.		A1	18.5	FE 16 1888	JA 30 1894	arcs 2.5, 1.5		
FLESHERTON ONT. (O's oval)		A1	21.0	MR 27 1902	AP 2 1909	arcs 5.0, 5.5		
FLESHERTON•STATION ONT	JU 6 1876	A1	21.0			arcs 1.5 mm	1876	1899
FLESHERTON STATION ONT (letters 2 mm)		A1	19.0	DE 9 1898		arcs ??		
GARRYOWEN ONT.	AU 29 1881	A1	22.0			arcs 6.5, 5.5	1881	1914
GARRYOWEN ONT.	FE 13 1911	A1	19.0			arcs 6.0 mm		
GIBALTAR							1872	1914
☛ ¹ GIBALTAR ONT.	AU 26 1908	A1	20.0	FE 6 1909	AP 16 1912	arcs 8.0, 5.5		
GILDALE ONT.	OC 6 1909	A1	19.0	JAN 21 1911		arcs ??, 6.0	1909	1913
GLASCOTT C.W		A2x	22.0	3 Apr 1869			1863	1914
GLASCOTT ONT.	NO 2 1882	A1	21.0	OC 8	1896	arcs 6.0 mm		
GLENEDEN ONT	FE 6 1878	A1	21.0	OC 7 1895		arcs 10.0, 8.5	1878	1914
GLENEDEN ONT. (taller letters)		A1	21.0	JUN 22 1907		arcs 7.0 mm		
GLENELG U.C		B2x	25.0	9 March / 54	1858c		1852	1864
GLENELG CENTRE ONT.	MR 9 1909	A1	19.5			arcs 3.0, 2.0	1909	1913
GORING ONT.		A1	22.0	AP 10 1899	JY 7 1942	arcs 10.5, 10.0	1884	1948
GREENSIDE ONT		A1					1884	1895



A4



B2



B2x



B2s



B2sx

**GREY
County
BROKEN CIRCLE
POSTMARKS**

To make this a worthwhile research effort it is important that Bruce Graham be notified of all new findings so that the list can be constantly updated.

To be of real value to the fellow postal historians of this newsletter, please report your findings also to this newsletter so that for our four counties we may have a current list.

All findings will be reported in the newsletter and the latest current list may be had from the editor.

Thank You

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Post Office	Proof Date	Type	Dia.	Earliest	Latest	Comment	Open	Close
GREY ONT. #2		A1	20.0	FE 25 1908		arcs 11.5, 10.0	1907	1913
☛ ¹ GRIERSVILLE U.C		B2x		April / 73			1854	1914
GRIERSVILLE		B2						
GRIERSVILLE ONT.	FE 26 1876	A1	21.0			arcs 3.5, 3.0		
☛ ¹ GRIERSVILLE ONT	MY 19 1890	A1	20.0	JA 22 1896	AU 10 1913	arcs 2.5, 3.0		
GRIMSTON ONT		A1					1884	1913
HABERMEHL ONT.		A1	20.5	FE 9 1898	MR 28 1898	arcs 2.5 mm	1897	1913
HAMPDEN ONT #2	AU 29 1877	A1	21.0	MR 21 1908		arcs 10.5, 9.0	1877	1914
HANOVER U.C		B2	22.0	JA 5 1869	1871c		1856	open
HANOVER ONT		A1	21.0	1869c	1875c			
HANOVER ONT	JY 12 1877	A1	22.0			arcs 9.0, 8.5		
HANOVER ONT.	FE 25 1889	A1	20.0			arcs 5.0 mm		
HANOVER ONT. (O's oval)	FE 26 1913	A1	19.5			arcs 9.0, 7.5		
HANOVER ONT. (O's oval)	NO 26 1915	A1	19.0	JA 23 1919		arcs 8.0, 7.5		
HARKAWAY ONT		A1	20.5	AU 28 1903		arcs 8.0 mm	1875	1913
HATHERTON ONT.	JU 27 1890	A1	20.5			arcs 5.5, 4.0	1890	1914
HAYWARDS FALLS ONT		A1	??	NO 14 1879		arcs ??	1874	1881
HEATHCOTE C.W		A2x	21.0	1870c	6 / 12 / 1877	red	1861	1989
☛ ¹ HEATHCOTE ONT.	MR 23 1880	A1	22.0	AP 19 1889	JA 22 1901	arcs 6.0, 7.0		
☛ ¹ HEATHCOTE ONT.		A1	19.5	DE 28 1904	DE 20 1920	arcs 7.5, 6.5		
HEATHCOTE ONT.	MY 6 1924	A1	20.0	AP 4 1931	JAN 29 1940	arcs 8.0, 7.5		
HOATH - HEAD C.W (Berri)	OC 6 1860	A2x	20.0			ordered HATH HEAD	1860	1914
HOATH+HEAD ONT.	MR 9 1883	A1	21.5			arcs 5.5, 4.0		
☛ ¹ HOATH - HEAD ONT		A1	21.5	FE 22 1898	AP 24 1903	arcs 8.5, 8.0		
HOGG ONT		A1					1904	1907
HOLFORD ONT.	AU 15 1911	A1	19.5	MY 2 1914		arcs 10.0, 11.0	1911	1914
Holland		ms		August 1 / 56			1853	1857
HOLLAND+CENTRE ONT	MY 12 1886	A1	20.0			arcs 1.0 mm	1886	open
HOLLAND CENTRE ONT		A1	21.0	MR 10 1908		arcs 6.0, 4.0		
HOLLAND CENTRE ONT	AU 22 1912	A1	20.0			arcs 5.0 mm		
HOLSTEIN		A2					1863	open
☛ ¹ HOLSTEIN ONT (ONT very small)	NO 18 1876	A1	20.5			arcs 9.5, 10.0		
HOLSTEIN ONT.		A1	20.5	MY 16 1902	NO 28 1912	arcs 9.0, 8.0		
☛ ¹ HOLSTEIN ONT (shorter letters)	DE 29 1912	A1	20.5	OC 7 1913	MY 17 1946	arcs 8.0, 7.5		
HOPEVILLE ONT #2		A1	20.5	AP 6 1877	FE 25 1913	arcs 7.5, 7.0	1874	1969
☛ ¹ HOPEVILLE ONT.	AU 20 1922	A1	20.0	JU 9 1930	AU 1 1956	arcs 9.0, 8.0		
☛ ¹ INGLIS+ FALLS ONT	SP 29 1894	A1	21.5	OC 7 1895	JA 10 1910	arcs 4.5, 4.0	1894	1913
INISTIOGE C.W (Berri)	JY 4 1865	A2x	21.0	May 30 / 76			1865	1905
INISTIOGE ONT.	JA 22 1891	A1	21.5			arcs 6.0 mm		
☛ ¹ IRISH+LAKE ONT	AU 26 1889	A1	20.0		JU 28 1904	arcs 6.0 mm	1889	1914
JACKSON ONT		A1	20.0	AU 7 1907	JUL 23 1908	arcs 7.0, 6.5	1868	1913
JACKSON ONT.	SP 5 1889	A1	20.0				1855	1914
JOHNSON		A1	21.5	DE 20 1897	JA 5 1914	arcs 9.5 mm		
JOHNSON ONT	AP 9 1877	A1	21.5				1869	1914
Keady		ms		June 28 / 71				
KEADY ONT	MR 16 1876	A1	20.0			arcs ??, 11.0		
KEADY ONT	MY 15 1889	A1	20.0			arcs 7.0, 6.0		
KEADY ONT.	AU 9 1893	A1	20.0	JA 30 1895		arcs 8.0, 6.0		
KELDON ONT (also Dufferin Cty)		A1	21.5	JA 6 1893	DE 23 1909	arcs 5.5 mm	1884	1914
KEMBLE		A1	21.0	JY 11 1894		arcs 9.0, 8.0	1869	open
KEMBLE ONT.	MY 2 1877	A1	21.0		MR 22 1897	arcs 6.0 mm		
☛ ¹ KEMBLE ONT.		A1	20.0	NO 10 1902	MY 4 1922	arcs 6.0 mm		
KEMBLE ONT. (both arcs filed in centre)		A1	20.0	AP 7 1900	AU 15 1905	arcs 8.0, 7.5	1899	1913
KEYWARD ONT.		A1	20.0				1856	1970
KILSYTH U.C		B2	25.0	NO 11 1868				
☛ ¹ KILSYTH ONT		A1	21.0	1871c	MR 6 1873	arcs 10.0 mm		
☛ ¹ KILSYTH ONT.	MR 18 1888	A1	20.0	NO 13 1905	DE 23 1915	arcs 9.5, 8.5		
KILSYTH ONT.	JAN 5 1924	A1	20.0	MR 2 1932	JU 15 1969	arcs 12.5, 11.0		
KIMBERLEY U.C		B2		1858c ???		Campbell reports ??	1868	1997
☛ ¹ KIMBERLEY ONT.		A1	21.0	1871c	MY 11 1893	arcs 6.0, 5.0		
☛ ¹ KIMBERLEY ONT		A1	20.0	MY 1 1903	JUL 25 1924	arcs 7.0 mm		
KIMBERLEY ONT.	JUL 20 1926	A1	21.5	SP 20 1933	JUL 6 1939	arcs 8.5 mm		
KINGHURST		A1	21.5	FE 25 1911		arcs 7.0, 5.0	1887	1913
KINGSCOTE ONT.	AU 20 1881	A1	21.5				1881	1916
☛ ¹ KOLAPORE ONT.		A1	21.0		FE 25 1897	arcs 5.5, 6.5	1884	1914
☛ ¹ KOLAPORE ONT.		A1	19.5	DE 6 1907	JA 12 1912	arcs 6.5 mm	1884	1914
LADY+BANK ONT.	AP 5 1881	A1	21.0			arcs 7.0, 6.0	1881	1915
LAKE+CHARLES ONT.	AU 29 1882	A1	20.5	SP 15 1893		arcs 3.5, 2.0	1882	1914
☛ ¹ LAMLASH ONT	JU 6 1876	A1	20.5	OC 7 1895	AP 16 1912	arcs 9.5, 9.0	1876	1914
LANDERKIN ONT		A1					1904	1913
☛ ¹ LATONA C.W (Berri)	SP 30 1864	A2	21.0	FE 10 1871	JA 26 1875		1864	1888
LAURISTON ONT		A1					1887	1899
LAURISTON ONT	DE 16 1909	A1	20.0			arcs 5.0 mm	1909	1914
LEAVENS U.C		B2x	25.0	20 June / 59			1854	1871
LEITH		A1					1853	
LEITH ONT (Berri)	AU 10 1867	A1	20.0	NO 6 1895		arcs 13.5, 12.0		
LEITH ONT.		A1	19.5	MR 30 1907	MR 20 1940	arcs 10.0, 8.5		
LILY+OAK ONT.	SP 15 1881	A1	21.0	OC 5 1895		arcs 10.0, 9.0	1881	1913
LINDENWOOD		A1					1885	1914
LOREE ONT.		A1	22.0	MY 25 1898	MY 1 1915	arcs 11.0, 10.5	1884	1946
LOREE ONT.		A1	22.0	OC 15 1931	SP 15 1941	arcs 14.0, 11.0		

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Chatsworth on the horizon . . .

John Rossiter writes a note promising a follow-up article to his earlier piece on this Grey County town. He wishes to thank member **William Maresch** for his letter of June 1, 1999 with enclosed photocopies of Chatsworth covers from his collection. This next Chatsworth article will deal with hammers used after 1900.

And while we are on the subject of **Grey County**, I suggest that members take a close look at the October Maresch sale in which William Maresch is selling much of his notable *Grey County* collection.

CANCELS – Have you noticed?

We all treasure those early cancels and are thrilled when we find an especially clear one or scarce one. But think for one moment, **DYER'S BAY** appears to have had two hammers in some 100+ years – or where is that elusive one? The community is small, the volume of mail was even smaller. BUT, seek out we will.

Now turn the clock ahead 100 years and look at a similar small community – **WALTERS FALLS**. This community began some 25 years earlier (1855) and lasted as a corporate revenue office until 1991 at which time it was changed into a franchise. Since 1991 it has had four (4) different organizational numbers reflecting changes in the ownership. How easy will it be to find a modern day **POCON** from Walters Falls some ten or twenty years down the road. *Scarce, you bet!*

Although not reflected in cancels, the post office at **Stokes Bay** as well as **Mar** has recently moved. Both being corporate offices their **POCON** numbers remain the same. On the other hand, **Hepworth, Maxwell, and Walters Falls** have new owners and as franchises they also have new **POCON** numbers and thus new cancels. *Watch your area, the changes are constant!*

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THE COLLINGWOOD, ONTARIO POST OFFICE: Its History and Cuban Connection – Member James Kraemer has a number of copies of this 16-page article which appeared in Sept./Oct. 1993 issue of *The Canadian Philatelist*. It is research at its best and a must for all you Simcoe County postal historians. If you wish a copy please send 3 x 45¢ in mint postage to cover the mailing cost to:

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NEUSTADT POSTAL HISTORY – Somewhere in your material you must have a stampless cover from Grey County's **NEUSTADT**. I am working on a postal history of my home town and would appreciate any information but *especially* a stampless from Neustadt.

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MANUSCRIPT TOWN POSTMARKS – Your help is needed in compiling a list of manuscript town postmarks used instead of the traditional town date stamp. If you are aware of any please report to this newsletter or

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