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PROTON or INISTIOGE



PROOF STRIKE
21½-mm
A1 hammer

The railway never came...

Cover from Proton
to the Hon. John
Rolph, Commissioners,
Crown Lands,
Quebec, C.E.

PROTON

[March 14, 1853]

MONO MILLS

[MR 15 1852]!!

QUEBEC L.C.

MR 21 1853

[REF. 087]

Proton, located on Hwy. 10 between Dundalk and Flesherton, was dealt the unfortunate blow of not getting the railway to pass through the village. Instead in the mid-1870s when the *Toronto, Grey & Bruce* line was built it passed the village one mile to the west and gave rise to the competing village of Proton Station.

Proton received its first post office July 6, 1851. George Armstrong served as the only post-master until his death in 1872. On July 1, 1865 the hamlet was renamed **Inistioge** and Henry Armstrong served from August 1, 1872 until December 14, 1904. The post office closed February 13, 1905.

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Post Office Buildings on Post Cards

#8 IN A SERIES

- PROTON STATION -

by Robert C. Smith

[ref. 089]

The postcard shown here shows a building with a Bell Telephone sign as well as a POST OFFICE sign above the entrance, and has a caption reading PROTON, ONT. Now the post office which was called Proton was open from 1851 to 1865 only, and so cannot be the one shown on the (undated) card, which would have been produced around 1905. It is probable that the one in this photocard is the *Proton Station* post office, which was opened in Proton Township, Grey County on May 1, 1886. The first postmaster was Frederick Freeman, who remained in office until 1901. He was replaced by Neil McConnell from 1902 to 1912, in the period in which this photo would have been taken. Samuel Scheardown Jr. (1912–13) and James H. Corbeth



(1913–23) were the next two postmasters at Proton Station. This post office remains in operation to the present day – or at least, it is still listed as such in the current Postal Code Directory. [Ed. note – *Currently there is no post office nor franchise but a set of group mail boxes. However, the postal code is still in use. Heathcote, Holland Centre, and Leith, are other such places in Grey County that lack a physical post office or franchise.*]

Bruce Graham lists three different broken circle postmarks from this office, not including the PROTON STATION / ONT. error, which he had never recorded as being used. The first of these, a 21½-mm PROTON STATION / ONT. device, was proofed on June 9, 1886, and has been recorded in use from March 21, 1891 to April 29, 1903. The 20-mm PROTON STATION / ONT marking, whose proof date is not known, has been seen on August 1, 1914 only, and the 20-mm

PROTON STATION / ONT. Handstamp proofed on April 2, 1915 has been observed in use from May 3, 1915 to September 24, 1921.

Paul Hughes' *Full Circle Proof Strikes of Ontario* shows three different circular datestamps for Proton Station proofed on July 16, 1921, December 23, 1927, and December 10, 1965.



PROOF STRIKE
21.0-mm A1 hammer
[error – not known used]

PROOF STRIKE
First 21.0-mm
A1 hammer



PROOF STRIKE
Third 20.0-mm
A1 hammer
[arcs 3.5, 4.0 mm]



On Christmas Eve 1913 this card was sent from Dundalk to Swinton Park, receiving a transit cancel at PROTON STATION DE 24 1913. It is struck with second A1 hammer. Swinton Park's post office closed April 18, 1914 following the establishment of rural mail delivery. Perhaps RMD had already started the previous winter.



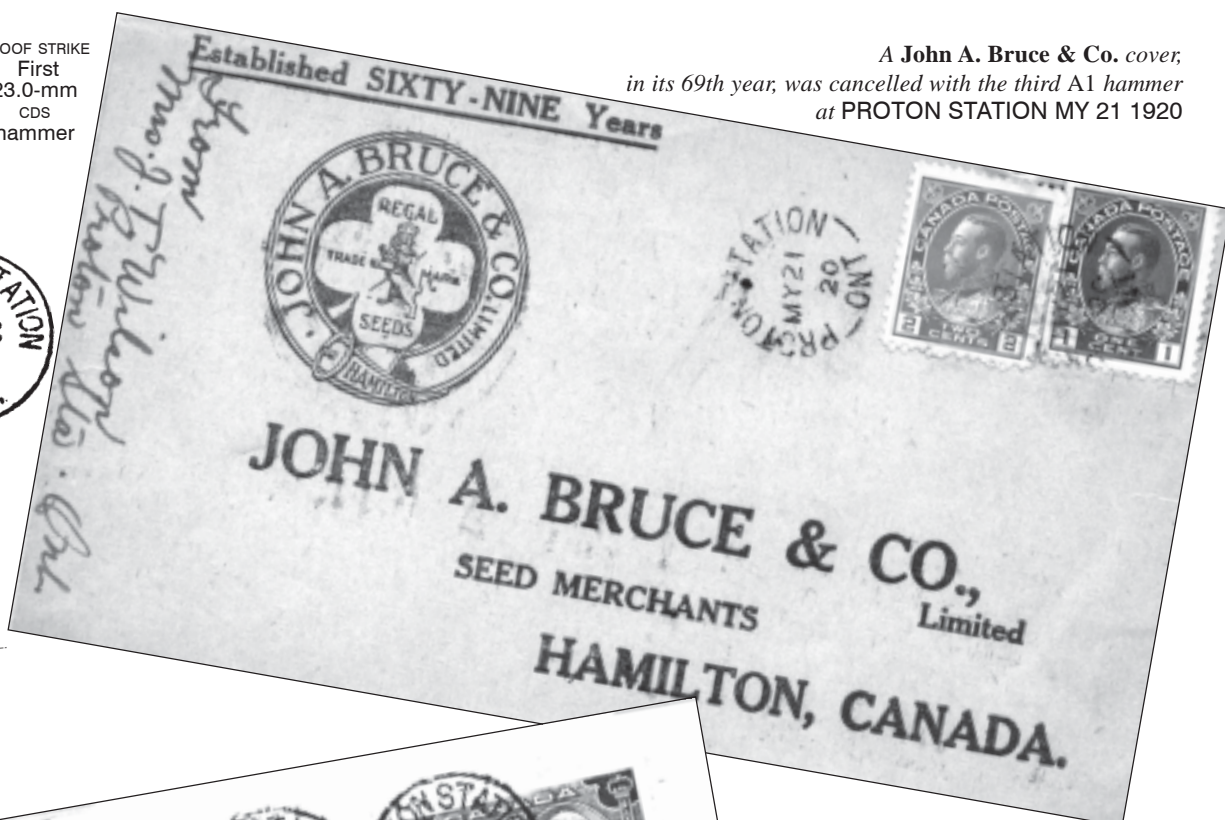
PROOF STRIKE
First
23.0-mm
CDS
hammer



PROOF STRIKE
Second
23.0-mm
CDS hammer



PROOF STRIKE
Third
24.0-mm
CDS hammer



A John A. Bruce & Co. cover,
in its 69th year, was cancelled with the third A1 hammer
at PROTON STATION MY 21 1920



*Needlecraft Department,
Family Herald
& Weekly Star,
Montreal*

PROTON STATION ONT. / AU 10 1939

Covers, such as this one to the Needlecraft Dept. of the Family Herald & Weekly Star, Montreal, tell much of the hobby pursuits of county folk in the 1930s to the 1950s. Although this cover came from Bob Smith's collection, I have a cover written by the same person on the same day but addressed to the Embroidery Department of the same newspaper. Anyone for knitting? [second full-circle cds hammer]

**PROTON STATION
ONT.
17 V 1968**

*This business reply envelope
franked with a 3¢ Centennial
definitive is charged the
domestic printed matter rate for
the 1st 2 oz. (April 1, 1964
until November 1, 1968)*.*

[3rd cds hammer]

*Selected Canadian Postage Rates
by Robt. C. Smith.



Carolyn Davis

READER'S DIGEST SILVER ANNIVERSARY
\$50,000.00 LUCKY NUMBER DRAW
215 REDFERN AVE.
MONTREAL 6, QUE.



YES

THE POSTAL HISTORY

of Camp Borden

by Dave Hanes

PART XI

[REF. 090]

THIS IS THE CONTINUING POSTAL HISTORY OF CAMP BORDEN BEGUN IN ISSUE N° 3

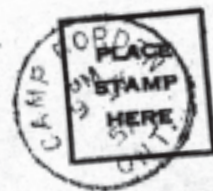
With Word War II ending in 1945 and the return of troops from Europe, the various Military Bases/ Camps saw an influx of families living on the Bases in Married Quarters. At Camp Borden, over 1200 Married Quarters were built, some on the north side (Army) and some on the south side (Air Force). This expansion also saw two civilian post offices as well as the Military Post Offices become separated.



CAMP BORDEN ONTARIO CANADA

4 PM / JUN 30 / 1955

Machine canceller used on north side of Camp.



WAR AMPUTATIONS OF CANADA
TAG SERVICE

2, ONTARIO

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE
FASTEN Envelope by gumming this Label across Flap.
OPEN by cutting Label instead of tearing Envelope.

Officer Commanding
Argyll Sutherland Highrs
of
Canada
Hamilton, Ontario.

M.F.B. 489
1631 PADS 100 SH. 16-43 (2204)
H.Q. 1772-39-1254
K.P. 91876

CAMP BORDEN ONT.

PM / 9 IV / 1957

Pay your Dues – even when
it is a merciful mission!

CAMP BORDEN M.P.O. 202

JUL 31 / 1947

The wartime economy is present in
this piece encouraging reuse of an
envelope.



CAMP BORDEN ONT. / PM / 20 IV / 1955

23.0-mm steel cds hammer in use on the
north side of the CAMP.

Wartime housing pictured on this card.
Pub. by Photogelatine Engraving Co. Ltd.
Ottawa – 11



Scene at Camp Borden, Ontario. —11.

[continued in Issue N° 14]

SQUARED CIRCLE POSTMARKS OF SIMCOE COUNTY

[REF. 091]

by Bob McCabe

In a county the size of Simcoe, it is somewhat unusual that there were only three SQUARED CIRCLE cancellers used. The towns in question were Beeton, with a Type

I canceller, while Angus and Orillia had Type II cancellers.

The differences between the two types of cancellers are as follows. Type I instruments have four thin bars, top and bottom., whereas Type II has three thick bars on the top and bottom.

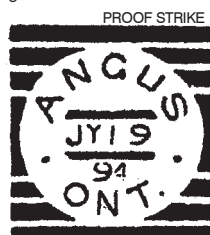
The formats of the hammers are basically 1" (25 mm) wide by 1-1/8" (28.5 mm) high. The circular part in the middle contains the town name and date indicia, and is approximately 7/8" (23 mm) in diameter, hence the name SQUARED CIRCLE.



PROOF
STRIKE

The Type I hammer for BEETON • ONT. was proofed on May 18, 1893. The earliest reported copy is -/MY 4/1898, while the latest copy is dated -/FE 15/1901. 39 copies of the hammer have been reported, with 15 on cover. There is no explanation why the hammer was not put in use sooner, perhaps the postmaster at the time, a Mr. D. A. Jones, found the hammer awkward to use.

The hammer for ANGUS • ONT. (Type II) was proofed July 19, 1894. The earliest reported example is -/JY 28/1894, and the latest date is -/JU 15/1896. There are 83 reported copies of the device, of which only 15 are on cover. Mr. H. L. Tarbush was the postmaster at the time.



PROOF-STRIKE

The Type II hammer for ORILLIA • ONT. was proofed December 20, 1893. Earliest reported date of use was -/DE 23/1893, and the latest date PM/NO 19/1900. Over the period of use, there are 421 reported copies of this device, of which 48 are on cover.

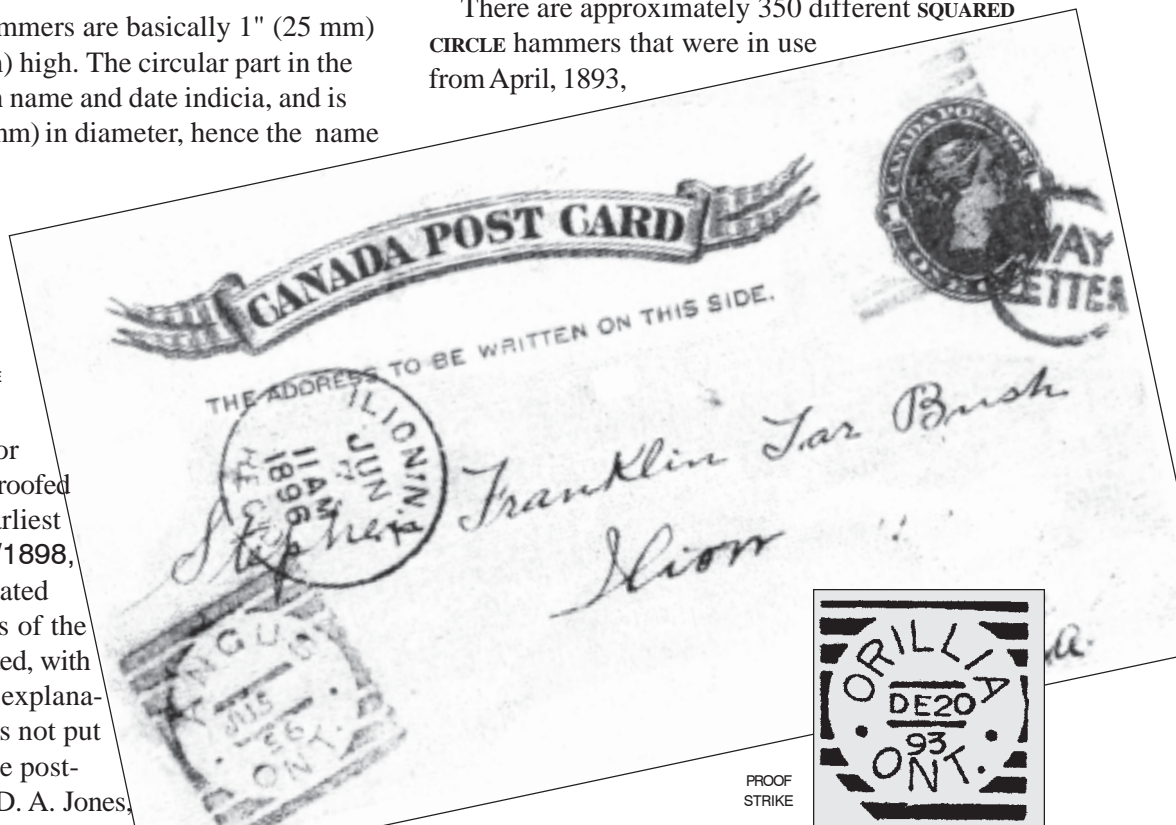
The proof date of December 20, 1893, was a Friday, and the hammer was in use in Orillia on Monday,

December 23, 1893. Considering the hammer came from Ottawa, they must have had great postal delivery in those days. Mr. Th. Goffatt was the postmaster of record at the time.

These towns have over the years used many types of cancelling devices, from fancy corks to the newest machine cancelling devices. All of these offices are still open. There are no similarities as to office size, or postal needs that these offices share.

The information for this article was taken from *The Squared Circle Postmarks of Canada*, 4th edition. A fifth edition is currently being worked on, so earliest and latest dates may change, as well as the total number of reported copies will no doubt change.

There are approximately 350 different SQUARED CIRCLE hammers that were in use from April, 1893,



COVER COURTESY OF Bob Prince

until the turn of the century. (Some where in use later.) Of these there are twenty-six Type I hammers, the rest being Type II. They were in use across Canada with the exception of Newfoundland.

First Member to identify this Post Office will have their subscription extended by 1 issue!



Answer must be snail-mailed to the editor. Earliest postmark wins!

From GLEN HURON STATION to

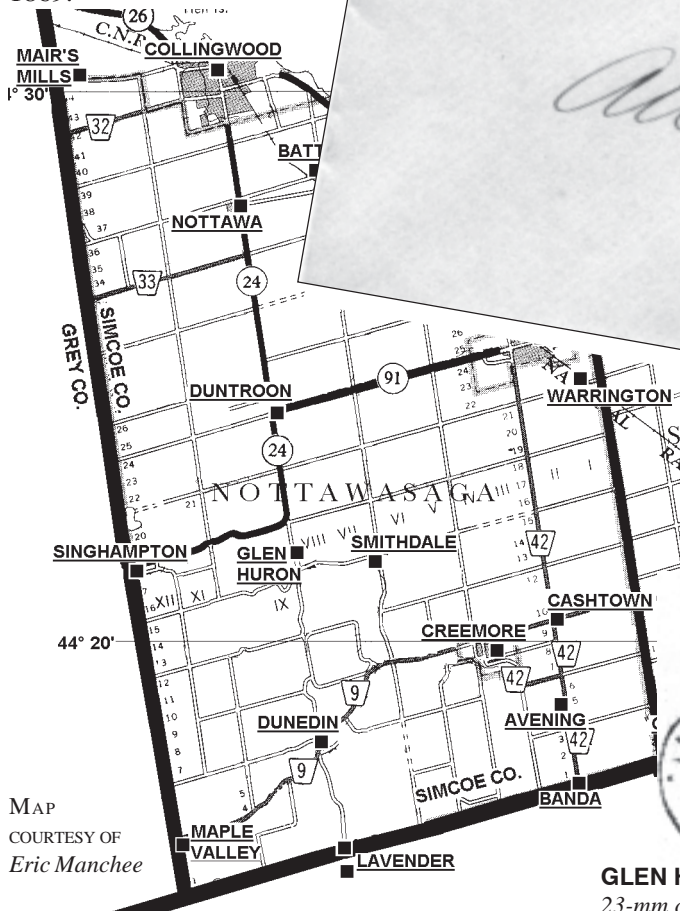
Glen Huron

and back to SMITHDALE

Robt. Prince / Gus Knierim [REF. 092]

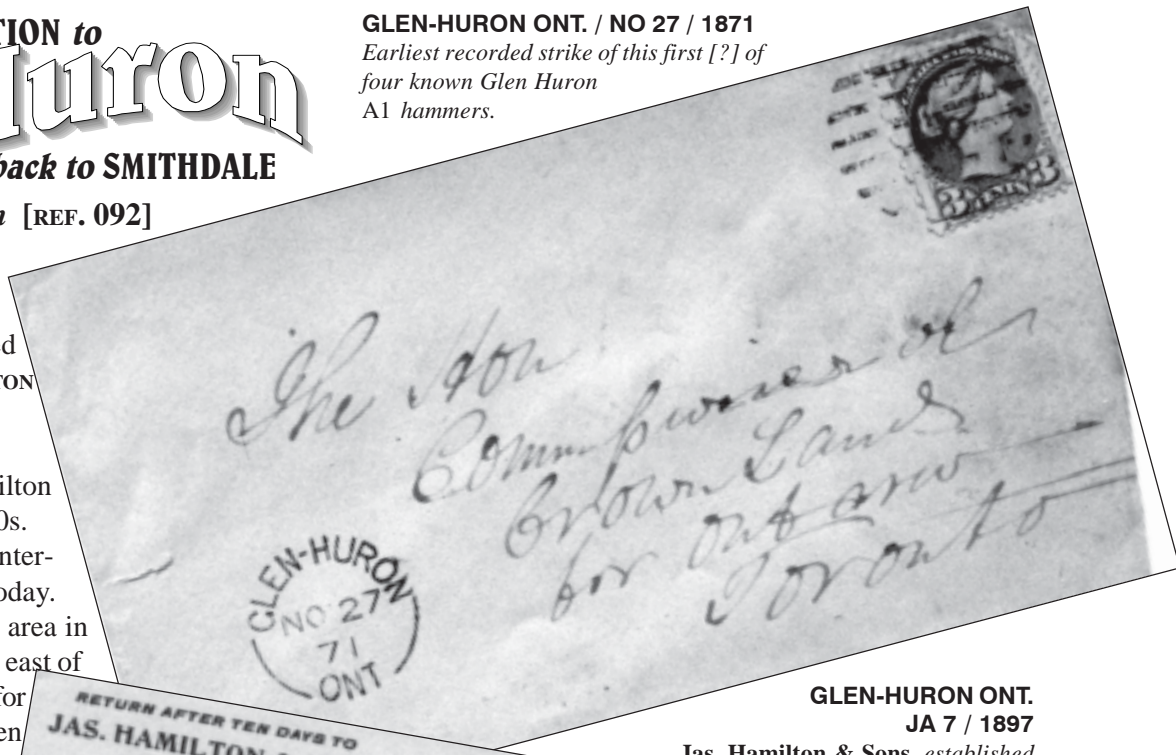
Nestled in the Mad River Valley of Nottawasaga Township, the area was served with the coming of the **HAMILTON & NORTHWESTERN RAILWAY** in 1878. The community of Glen Huron was settled by the Hamilton family as early as the late 1860s. The various Hamilton family enterprises still dominate the area today. When the railway came to the area in 1878, Glen Huron Station, just east of Glen Huron, became the stop for the railway serving the area. Glen Huron Station was renamed Smithdale [see accompanying box].

Glen Huron began its postal history with the opening of the post office on June 1, 1869.



GLEN-HURON ONT. / NO 27 / 1871

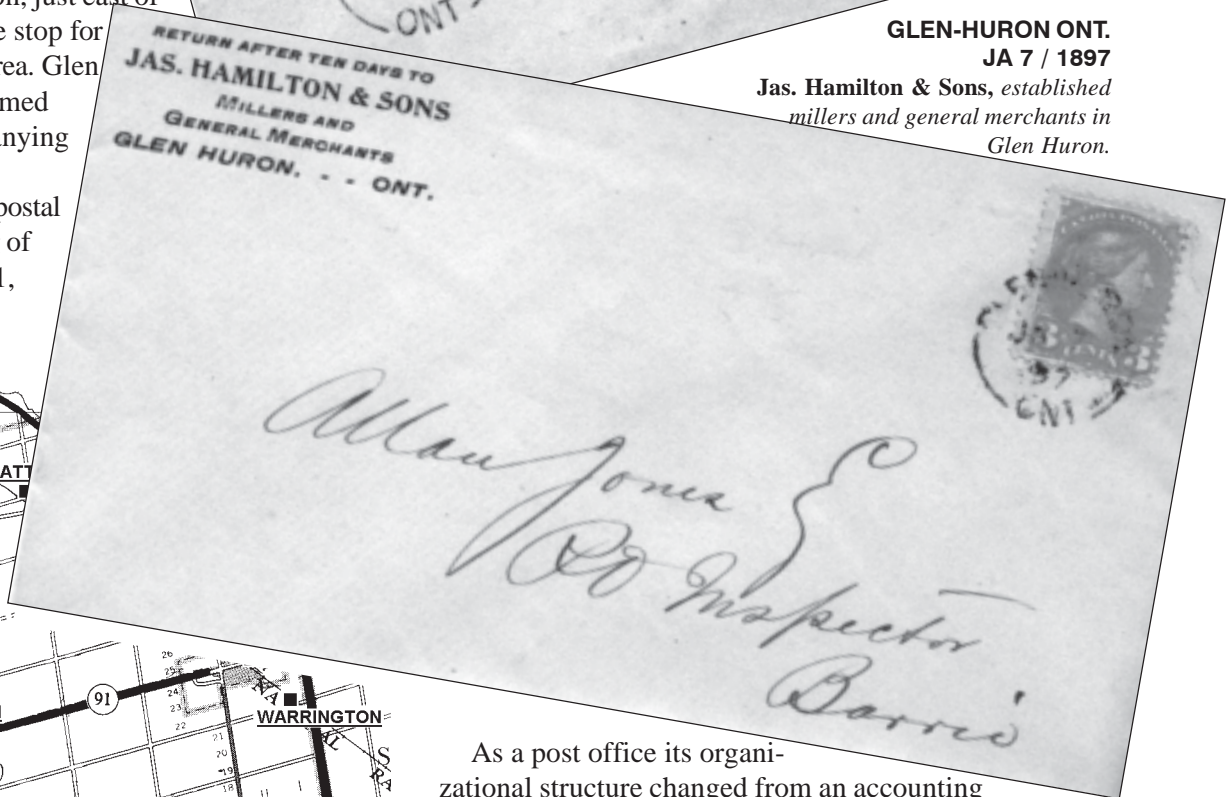
Earliest recorded strike of this first [?] of four known Glen Huron A1 hammers.



GLEN-HURON ONT.

JA 7 / 1897

Jas. Hamilton & Sons, established millers and general merchants in Glen Huron.



As a post office its organizational structure changed from an accounting to a non-accounting to an accounting office [MOON 3009; NON- ACCT. 79545; POCON 336777]. Finally on July 29,

1988 was the end of an era when its status changed and Glen Huron became a RPO [329622]. This Glen Huron/Creemore RPO once again changed its mode of operation on



GLEN HURON ONT. / MY 17 / 1974.

23-mm cds hammer proofed June 2, 1934

PROOF STRIKES
Registration Box and
Straightline MOON
April 1940





**GLEN HURON APPLES
& COLD STORAGE LTD.**
GLEN HURON
ONTARIO - L0M 1L0

The Naming of a Post Office **SMITHDALE**

“When the railway came through, Grandfather Smith requested a post office. Here was the set-up: Grandfather Smith had given the station site of five acres to the railway company [Hamilton & North Western Rwy.] for one dollar. The company in turn agreed to survey a village site on the property beside the station. The survey was made with streets and the lots were staked out. It was duly registered as the **Village of Smithville**. Grandfather was to get any returns he could by selling lots.

Then when he applied for a post office, the postal authorities reported that there was already a post office named Smithville in Lincoln County. He got a post office alright but had to have it named Smithdale.

Hence the paradox. The station was GLEN HURON, the place was legally SMITHVILLE and the post office was SMITHDALE.

Grandfather was the postmaster until his death. My father, David, succeeded to the title. The actual handling of the mail was sublet. The income was insignificant, not more than one hundred dollars a year which included carrying the mail bag twice daily to the trains.

In the late nineties, the woman who was Dad's assistant as postmistress dies. Aunt Rachel was glad to take the job. She raised her boy and existed on the income of about \$100 a year. After ten years as postmistress she married again and moved to Collingwood.”

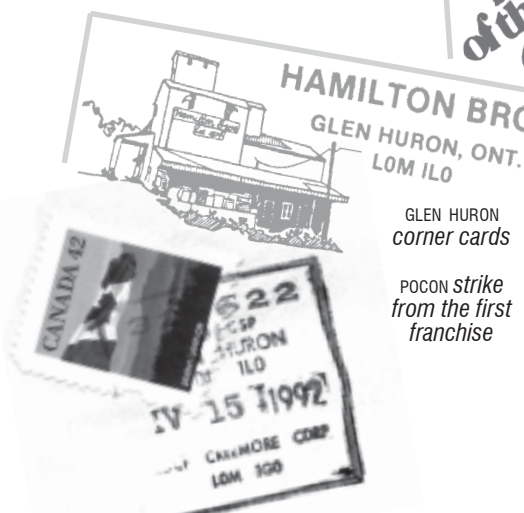
Peter McMillan	June 1, 1882 until Oct. 19, 1883 [resigned]
James S. Hill	Jan. 1, 1884 until Feb. 24, 1884 [resigned]
Peter McMillan	July 1, 1884 until Dec. 8, 1886 [resigned]
Charles Smith	March 1, 1887 until 1892 [died in office]
David Smith	Feb. 1, 1893 until Dec. 24, 1923 [closed]

Thereafter R.M.D.: Glen Huron RR #1

As written in “The Founding of a Family”, the story of the Smith-Rogers-Fisher families. [REF. 093]



Smithdale post office was closed Dec. 24, 1923



GLEN HURON corner cards

POCON strike from the first franchise

September 9, 1992 to a full franchise operating from the **Glen Huron Village Market** [084999]. Service continues at this location today.



POCON strikes from the current franchise

POSTMASTERS SERVING GLEN HURON

H.M. Fraser	June 1, 1869 until May 15, 1880 [resigned]
James Hamilton	July 1, 1880 until Nov. 21, 1894 [died in office]
W.. Hamilton	May 1, 1895 until Aug. 3, 1909 [resigned]
J.W. Ross	Aug. 15, 1909 until Feb. 8, 1910 [resigned]
W.H. Hamilton	Mar. 12, 1910 until Feb. 3, 1911 [resigned]
J.A. Mutchmor	Feb. 28, 1911 until June 9, 1917 [resigned]
J.C. Hamilton	Aug. 22, 1917 until June 5, 1918 [resigned]
J.H. Connor	Oct. 1, 1918 until Oct. 31, 1924 [resigned]
Herbert Badger	Nov. 21, 1924 until Aug. 25, 1925 [resigned]
Beverley McKee	Sep. 30, 1925 until Apr. 22, 1927 [resigned]
Wm. Herbert Badger	July 12, 1927 until Nov. 15, 1938 [died in office]
Mrs. Sara Agnes Badger	Nov. 23, 1938 [Acting]
Mrs. Sara A. Badger	Jan. 7, 1939 until Sep. 27, 1939 [resigned]
Chas. Cunningham Agar	Oct. 17, 1939 [Acting]
Chas. C. Agar	May 17, 1940 until Nov. 29, 1955 [resigned]
Henry Gladstone Tolton	Nov. 29, 1955 [Acting]
Chas. Cunningham Agar	Feb. 16, 1956 [Acting]
Chas. C. Agar	Mar. 19, 1956 until Aug. 30, 1956 [resigned]
Ralph Chas. Agar	Sep. 13, 1956 [Acting]
Ralph Chas. Agar	Oct. 30, 1956 until Oct. 30, 1965 [resigned]
Elwood Parker	Nov. 1, 1965 [Acting]

The Grey, Bruce, Dufferin & Simcoe Postal History Study Group

will be honored to hold a special meeting of the group at the **OWEN SOUND STAMP CLUB'S Stamp Show & Sale**, Sunday, May 14, 2000 – 2:30 p.m. The Owen Sound Stamp Club has chosen this year to dedicate their show to **Grey & Bruce Postal History**.

The Show will feature a number of exhibits of Grey and Bruce postal history some of which have never been previously exhibited. As well, the dealers in attendance have been asked to focus on this local aspect of postal history. If this approach of focusing on postal history, in collaboration with our study group, may well open a new avenue to an evermore popular aspect of this hobby. **Do plan to attend and enjoy!** ☒



Eastnor HOPE BAY Albemarle

Gus Knierim

[REF. 095]

The community of **HOPE BAY** on the east side of the Bruce Peninsula has raised a couple of questions with regards to its physical location.

The first Hope Bay post office was opened June 1, 1878 and was located in Eastnor Township on what is now Bruce County Road 9 (Concession 9, Lot 3).

Joseph Waugh was the first and only postmaster serving from June 1, 1878 until September 26, 1889 at which time he resigned and the post office closed. During his tenure this post office's name was changed to **HOPE NESS** on July 1, 1881.

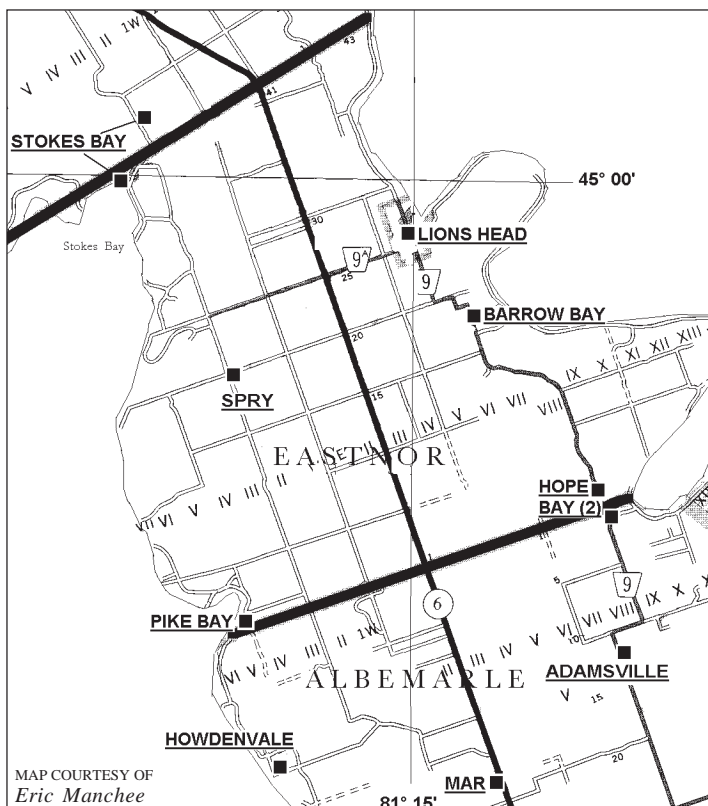
This location in effect was approximately 5/8 mile north of the town line between Eastnor and Albemarle Twp. It was not directly on the waters of Hope Bay and Georgian Bay.

With the change of name to Hope Ness the old name was now free to be used for the new office to be established at Hope Bay in Albemarle Township. This new office was established September 1, 1881 just two months after the name change. This office was located on Concession 9, Lot 1 Albemarle Township at the home of the first Hope Bay (2) postmaster, James Muirhead who served until his resignation on January 13, 1888. It appears that the Hope Bay (2) post office remained in Albemarle Township until February 1, 1907 at which time with a change in postmasters it moved across the townline and thus was back in Eastnor Township. The Hope Bay post office was sometimes located in Albemarle and other times in Eastnor, depending on the postmaster's residence.

Postmasters of Hope Bay (2) were:

James Muirhead	Sept. 1, 1881 until Jan. 13, 1888
John Hewton	Nov. 1, 1889 until Apr. 7, 1894
James Frichton	June 20, 1894 until May 9, 1906
John Slack	Feb. 1, 1907 until Aug. 9, 1909
Alex. H. Hepburn	Sept. 13, 1909 until Nov. 19, 1946
Mrs. Margaret Mae Brough	Dec. 5, 1946 until April 17, 1947*
Mrs. Margaret Mae Brough	April 17, 1947 until June 30, 1954

Mrs. Brough's first term was an acting appointment. It appears that all postmasters resigned from their office



and that none died in office as was often the case in the life of early post offices.



The office at Hope Bay (1) lasted for only three years. Bruce Graham reports one 22.0-mm A1 hammer and in all likelihood it is the only one used.

Hope Ness was in operation from 1881 until 1889. Again one 21.0-mm A1 was proofed and used. No further ones are reported.

The Hope Ness office lasted a mere 11 years under 2 names and it seems that once Joseph Waugh resigned no attempt was made to replace him with the opening of the new office at Hope Bay (2).



Hope Bay (2) opened in the fall of 1881. No early proof strikes are recorded and only one 21.0-mm A1 hammer is listed in Bruce Graham's "Ontario Broken Circle Postmarks". This cancel has been recorded as early as February 21, 1894. The cover shown on the opposite page is the current latest date.

On the 28 July 1948 a 23.0-mm cds hammer was proofed. It is shown used in 1952.

It is very possible that this is the complete number of cancelling instruments for this small post office and it would be a surprise if others were found.

However, lacking are details for any rubber stamps. Hope Bay (2) must have been given a non-accounting office number. What was it? Is it possible that it was an



Would anybody have a Hope Bay (1) or Hope Ness cover. Is there a 5-digit non-accounting office number or MOON for the second Hope Bay office? All information would be appreciated! The ed.

accounting office and as such should have a MOON number and cancel?

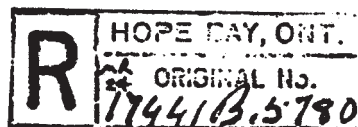
In March 1924 a Registration Box was proofed. There is a possibility that more Registration Boxes were used since rubber stamps do not seem to last that long and the office was open until June 30, 1954. Has anybody seen any other than the accompanying proof strike?

Hope Bay (2) was closed June 30, 1954 and the service was replaced by rural carrier. The surrounding area had been served by RR#3 Barrow Bay since February 1,



Mr. Alex Hepburn, postmaster at Hope Bay (2) with his wife and daughter. Note HOPE BAY POST OFFICE sign just to the left of the pole and above the girl.

1938. Later this was changed to RR#3 out of Lion's Head.



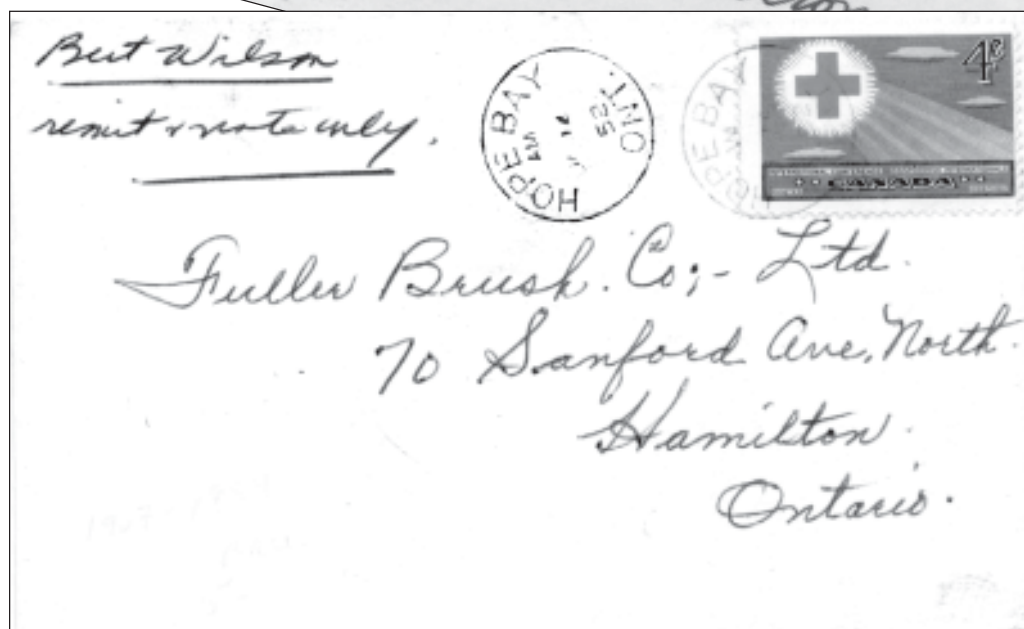
PROOF STRIKE
47 x 15 mm
Reg. Box
March 1924

REFERENCES:

- [1] *Benchmarks: A History of Eastnor Township and Lion's Head.*
- [2] *A History of Albemarle Township.*
- [3] *Proof Strikes of Canada*, Paul Hughes, ed. Pub. by Robert A. Lee Philatelist Ltd.

This December 18, 1944 cover from Hope Bay appears to be a stampless cover. There is no trace of a stamp ever having been attached or removed. With no return address the cover must have been delivered to Frost Steel in Hamilton. No postage due markings. Now that is being frugal.

Is it possible that Hope Bay was out of stamps due to the war?



This letter from Hope Bay in 1952 utilized the new cds hammer proofed on July 28, 1948.

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ADS WILL APPEAR FOR 3 CONSECUTIVE ISSUES. • REPEATS MAY BE REQUESTED

The editor is always hungry and looking for varied and different types of material for this newsletter. No submission is too small nor too large. Share your information with other collectors for the love of the hobby. Send in a postmark, an anecdote, perhaps a letter or post card. Write up your favourite post office. Have you got an interesting advertising cover or a neat corner card that you can tell us about. Give it a try! You will be rewarded with great satisfaction.



WANTED, HANOVER ONTARIO COVERS from all eras. Modern are particularly desirable. Willing to purchase or trade. Contact

[Nº 10-12]

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email: pkritz@greynet.net, or call (519) 364-4752 evgs.



Periodically we include the odd typo – just to see if folks are reading or just looking at this newsletter. Keep me honest by just reminding me from time to time. Thanks, John Cortan.

THE EDITOR.

If you are in our Region why not visit a STAMP CLUB

Your Stamp Club Announcement is *free* for the asking!

BARRIE DISTRICT STAMP CLUB – Club meets on the **SECOND WEDNESDAY** of the month, 7:30 p.m., at Parkview Centre, 189 Blake St., Barrie. CONTACT *Lew Metzger*, (705) 721-8354

COLLINGWOOD COIN & STAMP CLUB – Club meets on the **THIRD WEDNESDAY & FOURTH TUESDAY** of the month, 7:00 p.m., at the Library, Second & Maple Sts., Collingwood. *Fourth Tuesday is the regular night.* CONTACT *Stephen Morris*

DURHAM STAMP CLUB – Club meets on the **FIRST THURSDAY** of the month, 7:00 p.m., at Public Library, 240 Garafraxa St. N., Durham. CONTACT *John Fredrickson*, (519) 369-6026

KINCARDINE STAMP CLUB – Club meets on the **FIRST WEDNESDAY** of the month, 7:00 p.m., at Anglican Church, 415 Russell St., Kincardine. CONTACT *John Cortan*, (519) 395-5817

OWEN SOUND STAMP CLUB – Club meets on the **THIRD WEDNESDAY** of the month, 7:00 p.m., at St. George's Anglican Church, 149 4th Ave. East, Owen Sound. CONTACT *Robert Ford*, (519) 376-4788

SAUGEEN STAMP CLUB – Club meets on the **FIRST TUESDAY** of the month, 7:30 p.m., at the Hanover Library, 451 10th Ave., Hanover. *Peter Kritz*, (519) 364-4752; *Jim Measures* (519) 327-8265

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OWEN SOUND

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Sunday, May 14, 2000

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

at

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