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SNAIL MAIL . . .

## Thornbury POST OFFICE *on the move again!*

Gus Knierim

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Many Ontario towns are graced with the beautiful old classic structures that the post office once called its home. Thornbury was never that fortunate with the result that it has been a difficult task trying



Bruce Street (Main Street) looking south c. 1931.



Bank of Toronto building on the corner of Bruce and Bridge Sts. was the home of the post office in 1907. Its sign can be seen between the window and far door on the left of the post card photo.



to locate the many various homes in its past. Slowly the pieces are coming together not unlike a jigsaw puzzle. The recent *Royal 2003* at Hanover brought forth a post card showing the locale of the post office in 1907. Although it was known to have resided in the building once operated as the Bank of Toronto, it was really a question of when.

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In 1989 Thornbury Post Office became "famous" when it became part of a movie set in downtown Thornbury. The signage was changed to read "U. S. MAIL / MAIN POSTAL / STATION / THORNBURY, N.Y. / ZIP 10031. Even the "Maple Leaf" was lowered to be replaced by the stars and stripes.

In 1998 the then present Thornbury Post Office was 40 years old having been constructed in the fall of 1958 as the first post office in a public building in Thornbury.



By 2001 Thornbury Post Office had outgrown its facilities. There was limited space available in the building for post boxes and even less space for general delivery and which required many staff hours to serve. In this collage of photos we see the limited post box lobby as well as the public counter within the post office. The late Asst. Postmaster, Mrs. Sally Yaskovitch has her back to the camera. Mrs. Yaskovitch was postmaster at the now closed Algonquin Park post office until its closure in 1980.



The Merchant Bank was the first bank in Thornbury. It was bought out by the Bank of Toronto around 1906. The post office was at the back of the bank building as seen at left.

A later location of the post office was in the building adjacent to the Revere Hotel at the corner of Bruce and Arthur Sts. This building is kitty-corner to the Bank of Toronto. In the top photo on the cover page we see Bruce Street looking south. The Revere Hotel is the building on the far right of this 1931 post card. The Thornbury-Clarksburg stage parked in front of the post office ready to receive passengers and express to take to Clarksburg in the picture below the post card. Still to be researched are the time periods in which the post office was in the various buildings. And although we recognize





*The post office is being prepared for the move by first having its brick veneer removed and then jacking up the building in preparation for the beams and moving wheels. Notice the mail drop to the left of the front entry.*



*For the moment all that was left was but a hole where the post office had stood for the past 45 years. Even that reminder was gone within the week in preparation for the creation of a small parkette joining Bruce St. to the Hester St. parking lot.*

*6:15 a.m. and the post office building is slowly moving into the intersection of Bruce and Bridge Sts. We are looking the back of the building where the mail truck would have its daily pick-up and drop-off.*



*6:17 a.m. and the post office is slowly moving west through the intersection passing the old Bank of Toronto building, now a real estate office. The building has not altered much in appearance since 1907. The front entrance has been removed and the old entrance to the post office is now the entry into the real estate office – just to the right of the light standard.*



6:20 a.m. – The move is almost completed as the building is about to turn right onto the vacant lot just beyond the Canada Post sign. The move was completed at 6:24 a.m. Getting the post ready took a couple of weeks; moving it took just a few minutes.



The new post office has performed well with its service to the public since May 2001.

four different locations in this article there may still be others.

In 1958 the Post Office Department decided that Thornbury required a new building and proceeded therefore to construct such a Building at 17 Bruce Street South. The building was constructed on the east side of Bruce Street on a vacant lot almost opposite the post office which was next to the Revere Hotel. The 1931 Main Street post card on the cover page shows the opening on the left of the card. The building was of a design found in many Canadian towns and villages. For the time it was sufficient but by 2001 the town had grown sufficiently that new facilities were needed.

At the same time (2001) the Town was conducting a feasibility study on beautifying the appearance of the picturesque business core. Canada Post was approached to see if they were willing to sell the building should a new location be found. Canada Post obliged and a new location was found at 4 Arthur Street West. The building is modern with sufficient enough space to eliminate almost all of the general delivery with plenty of space to do the daily operating routines. The lobby is pleasant and modern in appearance and is well looked after by a courteous staff.

In the two years since the move on April 30, 2001, the

town had acquired the “old” post office building on Bruce Street. It had also purchased the site of the Curling Rink adjacent to the parking lot at the new post office. Not to waste a perfectly good building the town decided to move the “old” post office right onto the curling rink property to become a satellite office for the town’s OPP police unit.

This move of the post office took place in June 2003 and took quite some time to prepare the building for the move, hence the term “snail mail” in our title. Numerous pictures show this move with the actual moving of the building taking place at 6 a.m. sharp, on Wednesday, June 25, 2003. The total of the moving operation took but 24 minutes with nary a soul in site to watch the manoeuvre. There was one exception and that is that your editor and his wife did rise up to the occasion to capture this moment in the history of the post office in Thornbury. ✉

**Share your knowledge with other collectors of this Study Group by putting pen to hand and writing a small article for your GBD&S Newsletter!**



# THE VENTRY

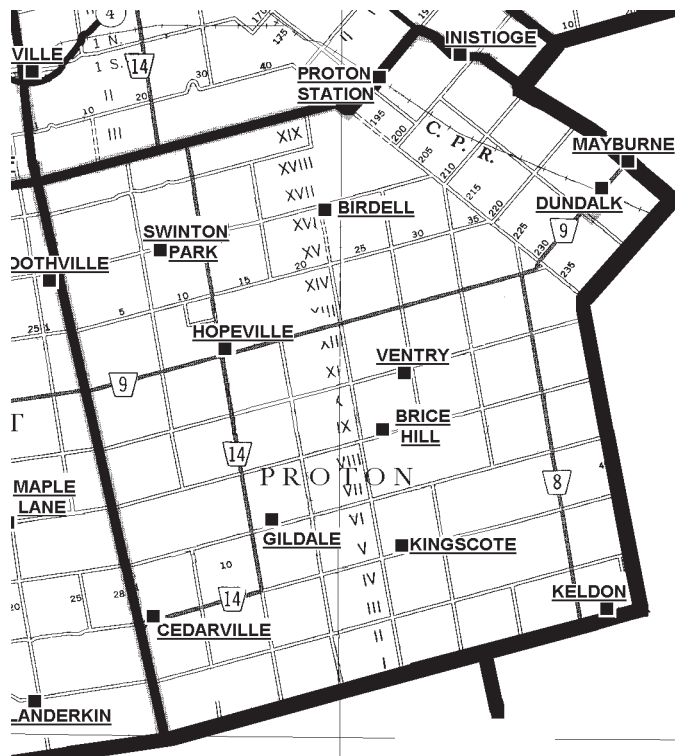
*Manuscript*

## POSTMARK

[REF. 168]

by Robert C. Smith

The post office at Ventry, in southern Grey County, was opened on July 1, 1870 in Proton Township. Its first postmaster was one Carby Johnson, who served in this office until his death in November 1882. A VENTRY / ONT. broken circle of 21 mm diameter, Scrimgeour type A1x (manuscript date), which does not appear in any of the proof impression books, was noted by Campbell with an 1872 date, and has been recorded to April 2, 1875. However, it seems that the first postmark used at this town was an unusual manuscript B the town name followed by the date, all enclosed in a circular spiral. The earliest known use of this distinctive postmark is shown in Fig. 1, *Octobr 21 / 71*; it has been recorded in use up to October 2, 1876. Perhaps it was used not only before the broken circle mentioned above had arrived, but also after it had worn out. The cover

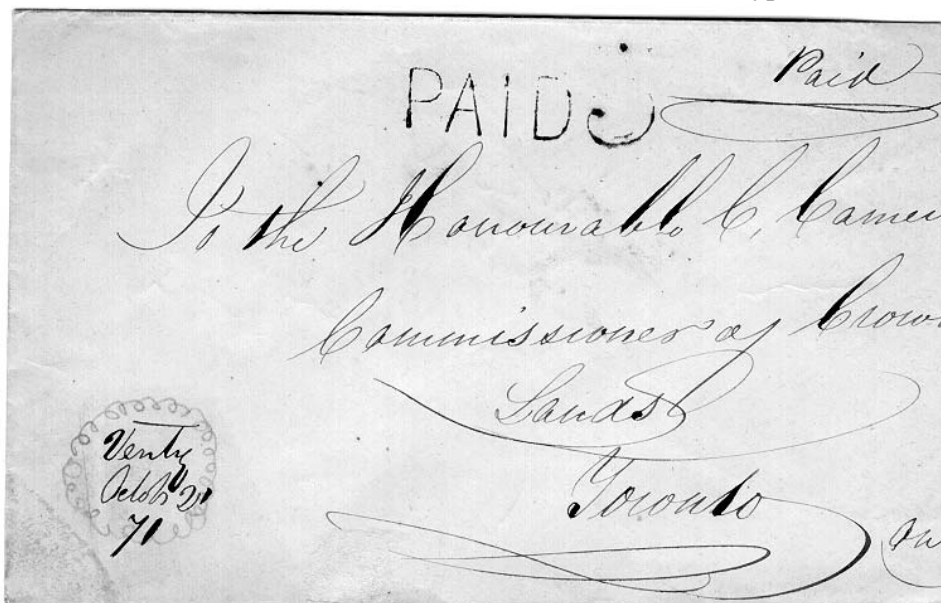


shown has a DUNDALK / U.C double broken circle (type B2) backstamp of the same day, a second indistinct

transit mark which could be Orangeville, and a TORONTO / ONT. c.d.s. receiving mark of October 24, 1871.

The only other Ventry postmark known is a second type A1 broken circle of diameter 20 mm. proofed on January 16, 1887; only a single strike of that has been recorded dated AP 21 / 06.

The Ventry post office was closed on November 30, 1913, upon the inauguration of Rural Mail Delivery in that part of Grey County. ☒



## To be or not to be . . . a rose by any other name

[REF. 169]

*"You gotta come up with a pronounceable acronym for that study group! GBDYSPHSG! Good grief! Sounds like the character in Li'l Abner who always has a raincloud over his head, Joe Bltzyllk (or something like that)."*

Back in one of the very early issues, we asked the members about choosing a name for this newsletter. At that time we decided to leave it as just the *Newsletter*. Perhaps the time has come to think

about it once again – to see if we can find a handle that would cover our four chosen counties. Here are a couple ideas that may have merit – *The Queen's Bush Mail*, or perhaps *The Simcoe Forester Postman*. The Queen's Bush of course was that vast tract of land north and west of Kitchener spreading from the shores of Lake Huron to Georgian Bay encompassing Bruce and Grey Counties and parts of Dufferin. Simcoe Forester has military connotations for Grey and Simcoe Counties.

I challenge all members of this group to give it the serious thought that it deserves and to share your ideas through this newsletter. Hoping to hear from all of you! – *Editor*

A SOCIO-POSTAL HISTORY OF  
**Municipality of**  
**NORTHERN**  
**BRUCE PENINSULA**

[REF. 170]

by *James E. Kraemer*, FRPSC, FRPSL

**Part III**

**LINDSAY TOWNSHIP**

This article continues our exploration of the post offices of the Bruce Peninsula which now form part of the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula. We now proceed to Miller Lake on Highway 6 in the northern centre of the peninsula.

**MILLER LAKE**

Mr. B. B. Miller immigrated to Canada with his parents in 1846 when he was ten years old. His birthplace was Kireudbrightshire, Scotland. Mr. Miller entered into a number of successful ventures and in 1867 moved to Warton, Ontario.

Over the next 40 years this energetic Scotsman held a leading position in Warton. Not only was he the first Indian Land Agent but he was Warton's first postmaster. He was also the first Division Court clerk, the first police magistrate, the first reeve when Warton became a village and the first mayor of the Town of Warton.

The largest lake in Lindsay Township, Miller Lake, was named in Mr. Miller's honour. The post office, Miller Lake established December 1, 1888 was named after Miller Lake further honouring Mr. Miller.

One of Lindsay Township's pioneers, John Wotherspoon was appointed Miller Lake's first postmaster. Mr.

Wotherspoon was a successful fanner and kept the post office in his residence for almost 19 years. John Wotherspoon

resigned on August 31, 1906. His successor Donald (Dan) Martin moved the post office to his residence. On January 1, 1907, Mr. Martin assumed office as Miller Lake's second



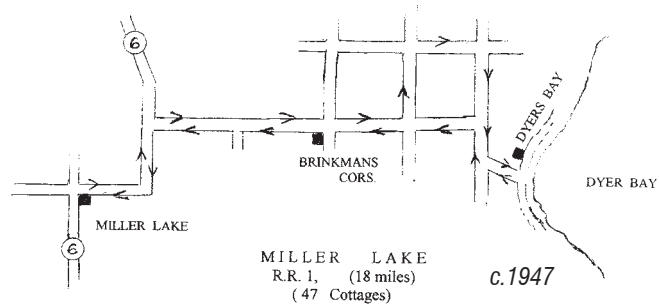
*Minnie and Michael Sadler*

postmaster. He had the post office for almost nine years when he resigned on October 25, 1915.

Miller Lake post office moved to Lot 30, Concession 2, WBR, at Sadler Corners on May 15, 1916. This was the residence of Michael Sadler who was appointed postmaster. His wife Minnie was named his assistant. The post office was renamed Sadler Corners. Mr. Sadler moved the post office to a commercial building at the corner of what would become Highway 6 and Road 30. Michael Sadler was the son of Martin Ziddler who changed the name to Sadler. He moved with his parents from Brooke, near Owen Sound, to Lindsay Township in 1875. In 1916 we were at war with Germany. As a result of prejudice or loyalty (or perhaps a bit of both), some local residents questioned his German ancestry. Nearly one year after his appointment Mr. Sadler resigned.

Henry Esch became the new postmaster On June 5, 1917. He moved the post office to his home where it remained from 1917 until the 1950's. In 1935 Mr. Esch built the first general store in Miller Lake. He also operated the first service station. The new store was erected on the opposite corner to where his house was located. The post office did not move into the new store known as, "Esch's Store", until several years after it was enlarged in 1944.

The store was enlarged in 1944. Mr. Esch was the mail contractor for the Miller Lake-Dyer's Bay postal route. In the early years. His wife Grace acted as his



*RR1 Miller Lake handles the postal traffic east of Miller Lake through Brinkman's Corners and onto Dyer's Bay. A much newer route, RR2 Miller's Lake, handles the affairs west and south of Miller's Lake towards Lake Huron.*

assistant along with their son Donald W. Esch as part-time assistant. During the 1940's Audrey Esch, who later became Mrs. Alfred Hayes, assisted her father. Melvin Esch and other members of the Henry Esch family assisted in the late 1940's and early 1950's. The post office was reclassified on April 1, 1956 to a Group 4 office. This meant that the postmaster's remuneration increased from \$480.00 per annum to \$600.00 plus a rent allowance of \$36.00. When Mr. Esch retired his salary had increased to \$740.00 per annum. Mr. Esch was in his 74th year and offered to retire effective August 1,





**MILLER LAKE ONT. / FE 9 / 1937**  
 Bruce Graham reports two A1 hammers for Miller Lake. The first one was proofed January 16, 1889 (as shown below); while the second one is shown on the letter to the left.



PROOF STRIKE  
 A1 hammer  
 20.0 mm with 3.5 mm arcs.

Second A1 hammer  
 20.0 mm with 6.0 mm arcs. Note "O" of Ont.



1961. He had been postmaster for more than 44 years.

With Mr. Esch's approaching retirement the Post Office Department selected Ross Hopkins as the new postmaster. However, Hopkins had accepted a position as a sailor on a vessel plying the Great Lakes. It was suggested that the post office could be transferred to Mrs. Hopkins. As far back as 1949 Mrs. Hopkins had been an assistant at the Miller Lake post office. The Department decided to hold a competition in mid-October 1961. The result was that Alfred H. Hayes, Mr. Esch's son-in-law, was selected to be postmaster. Mr. Hayes was unable to accept the appointment until after the New Year. Esch carried on until the post office was transferred on January 31, 1962. Audrey Hayes, nee Esch, the new postmaster's wife was named as his assistant. Alfred and Audrey Hayes had purchased the business in 1949 and operated it under the name of, "A. H. Hayes - General Merchant". In 1956 larger business quarters were built. Additional space was allocated to the post office in the new area.

The Miller Lake post office was reclassified on August 27, 1963 and its status changed from a non-accounting office to an accounting post office (#3646). The postmaster's salary was increased to \$815.00 per

annum. Business at the Miller Lake post office increased substantially over the next decade with the result that the post office was reclassified a number of times. By 1968 the postmaster's annual salary had increased to \$1640. By the time Mr. Hayes reached his 65th birthday on January 11, 1979 and under government regulations was retired, the post office was reclassified under a new grouping, Group 3. The postmaster's salary was \$4432 per annum and in addition he received \$438.00 as a rental allowance.

Miller Lake post office was located in this store from the 1950's until it moved to the present location.



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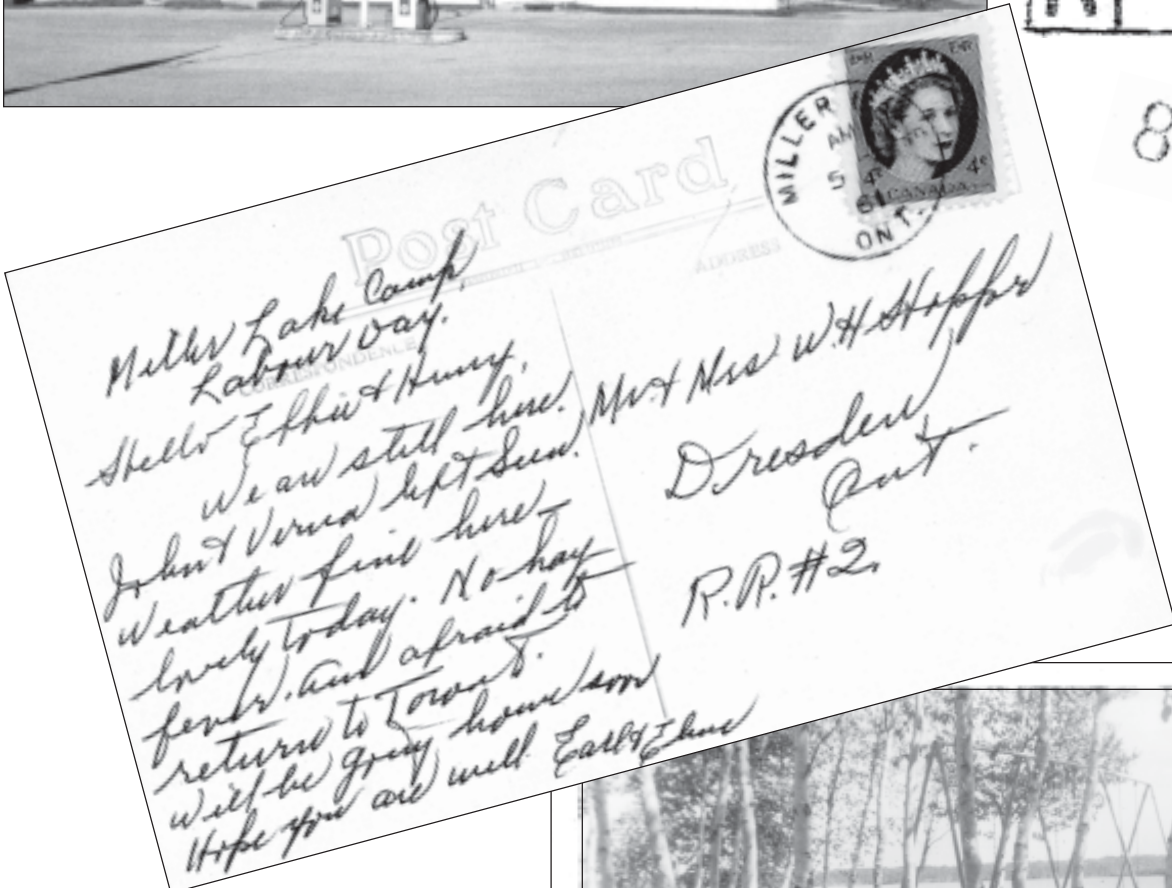
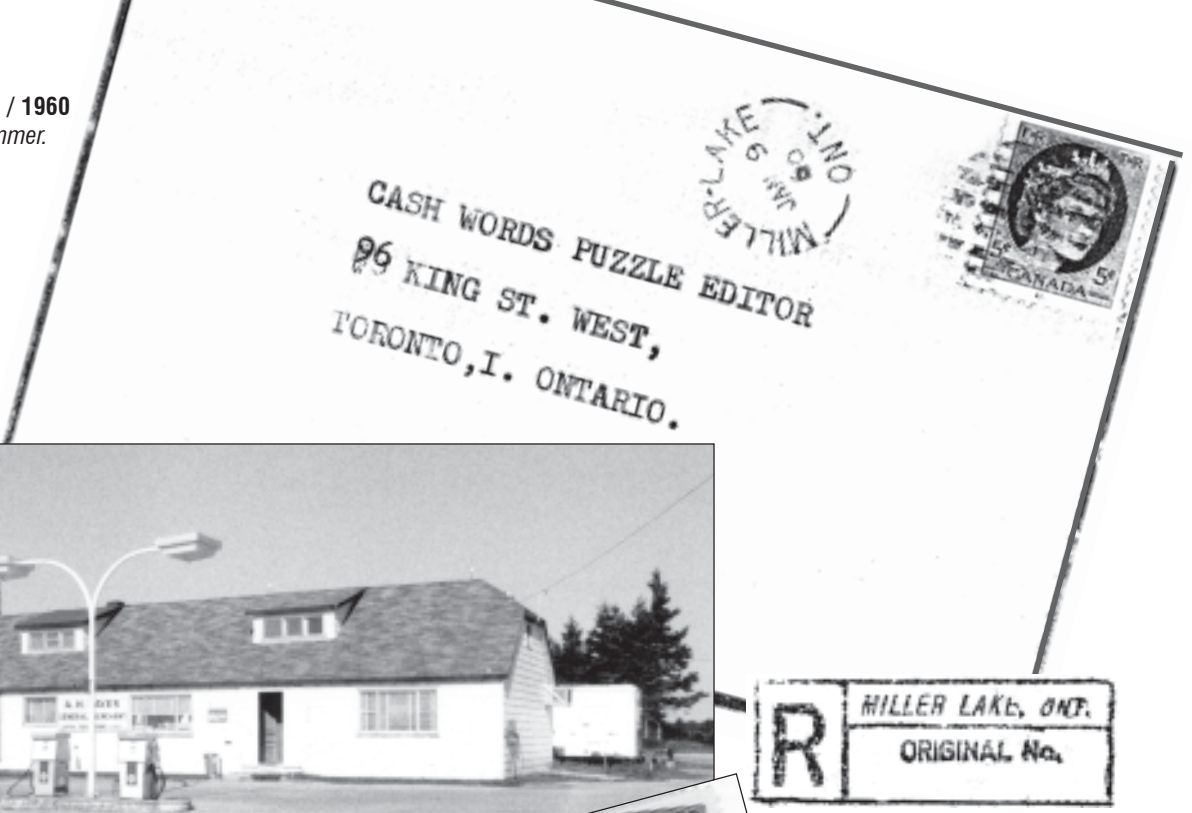
in MILLER LAKE and the

surrounding area . . .



**MILLER LAKE ONT. / JAN 9 / 1960**  
 Late usage of the second hammer.

The store was expanded in 1956. The Miller Lake post office was located on the premises until the store was sold in 1984, at which time the photo was taken.



80789

**MILLER LAKE ONT. / 5 IX / 1961**  
 A card sent to a friend in Dresden from a camper at Miller Lake Camp, Labour Day 1961. This new cds which replaced the long-time second A1 hammer was proofed just a 13 months previous – August 5, 1960.



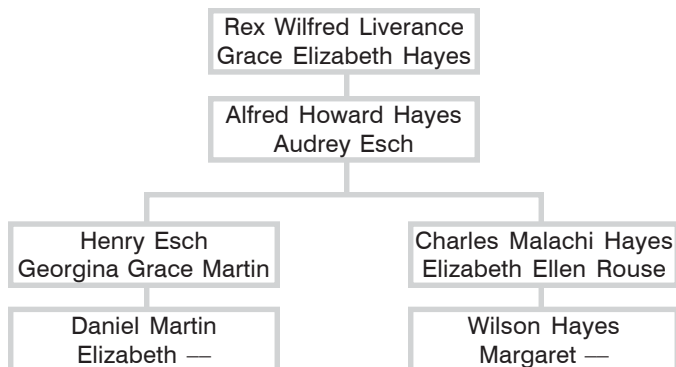


Mrs. Grace Liverance, the former Grace Hayes, daughter of Alfred and Audrey Hayes and granddaughter of Henry and Georgina Grace Esch assumed her duties as the new postmaster on January 11, 1979. Her grandfather, Henry Esch was the postmaster at Miller Lake from 1917 until 1962, and her great-grandfather, Daniel Martin was postmaster from 1907 until 1917. On her father's side her grandfather Charles Malachi Hayes was postmaster at Cape Chin, (1927-1946) and finally her father Alfred Howard Hayes was postmaster at Miller Lake, (1962-1979). You could say that Grace Liverance, known as "Gracie" to her friends was born to be a postmaster.

The store that housed the post office since 1956 was sold in 1984 to Denis and Marlene Loree and renamed, "Drift-In General Store". Today the owners are Richard and Judy McIlveen. When the store was sold in 1984 Mrs. Liverance moved the post office to its present location at 4877 Highway 6, Miller Lake.

The Miller Lake post office is a revenue 3 post office. Since Grace Liverance is classified as P.P.D. (permanently partially disabled), she is entitled to have a term employee. Marlene Bilton who fills this position assists Mrs. Liverance at the post office.

### Genealogical Chart



### THE POSTMASTERS OF MILLER LAKE

Post Office established: *December 1, 1888*  
 John Wotherspoon Dec. 1, 1888 until Aug. 31, 1906 RESIGNED  
 Donald (Dan) Martin Jan. 1, 1907 until Oct. 25, 1915 RESIGNED  
*Name changed to SADLER CORNERS, May 15, 1916*

### SADLER CORNERS

Michael Sadler May 15, 1916 until Apr. 24, 1917 RESIGNED  
*Name changed to MILLER LAKE, Mar. 15, 1917*

### MILLER LAKE

Henry Esch June 5, 1917 until Jan. 31, 1962 RETIRE  
 Alfred Howard Hayes Feb. 1, 1962 until Jan. 10, 1979 RETIRE  
 Mrs Grace Eliz. Liverance Jan. 11, 1979 until present

Non-Accounting Office: **80789**  
 Money Order Office Number: **3646** (East. Aug. 27, 1963)  
 Computer Office Number: **393525** (Est. April 1, 1973)  
 Postal Code: **N0H 1Z0**

### AUTHORITY FOR THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT TO DEDUCT CANADIAN POSTMASTERS' ASSOCIATION FEES FROM POST OFFICE SALARY

I, the undersigned, hereby authorize the Post Office Department to deduct from my salary my membership fees in the Canadian Postmasters' Association amounting to 60 cents per ( ) month, (X) quarter, effective April 1954. Said authority to remain in force until I cancel it through the Canadian Postmasters' Association.



MILLER LAKE 80789-1  
 POST OFFICE  
 Ontario PLEASE P.A.  
 PROVINCIAL BRANCH  
 AUG 20 1957  
 SECTION  
 HENRY ESCH  
 SINGLY PRINT NAME  
 Henry Esch  
 SIGNATURE

POSTMASTER (X)  
 ASSISTANT ( )

ACCOUNTING POST OFFICE 40 CENTS MONTHLY  
 ASSISTANT 20 CENTS MONTHLY  
 NON-ACCOUNTING POST OFFICE 60 CENTS QUARTERLY

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64-80789  
 Miller Lake  
 POST OFFICE  
 Ontario  
 PROVINCIAL BRANCH  
 ALFRED HAYES  
 SINGLY PRINT NAME  
 Alfred H Hayes  
 SIGNATURE

Postmaster   
 Assistant

RETURN ALL THREE COPIES. ONE SIGNATURE TO ONE FORM.

FEES: Accounting Post Office—  
 Postmaster . . . . . 40 cents monthly  
 Assistant . . . . . 20 cents monthly  
 Non-Accounting Post Office . . . . . 60 cents quarterly



**BRINKMAN'S • CORNERS**  
 ONT. / FE 1 / 1927  
 A local letter to Warton.



**BRINKMAN'S • CORNERS**  
 ONT. / DE 8 / 1936



PROOF STRIKE  
**BRINKMAN'S • CORNERS**  
 ONT. / MR 29 / 1899



Recent postal markings from Miller Lake include a "wing" type date-stamp with a slogan "Gateway to the Bruce National Park".



### BRINKMAN'S CORNERS

Lindsay Township's last post office, Brinkman's Corners was established on January 1, 1899. Joseph Brinkman, who kept the post office in his residence on Lot 35, Concession 4, EBR was appointed postmaster. The post office was named after the Brinkman family. Joseph (Joe) Brinkman's brother John, lived on Lot 36, across the road on the other corner. The mail came up the East road from Lion's Head to Brinkman's Corners. It included mail for the communities further north. The mail courier from Tobermory picked up this mail.

Joseph Brinkman resigned on April 8, 1905. Some local historians claim that prior to Brinkman's resigna-



tion Harry and Annie Pettigrew acted as postmasters. The Pettigrew's operated a general store out of their home and as a courtesy to customers looked after their mail. The Pettigrew's were never officially custodians of the mail. On January 15, 1906, Charles Shute was appointed postmaster. Less than three months later Mr. Shute sold his property and resigned.

Philip Forbes purchased Lot 35, Concession 4, EBR in 1905 and built a house on it. The post office moved to his new home on May 14, 1906. Philip Forbes was appointed postmaster. Mrs. Forbes and a son Selby assisted in the post office. Selby joined the army in WW II and served overseas in the Medical Corps. Philip Forbes was very active in Northern Bruce in the lumber and mill business. He served as Reeve of Lindsay Township from 1913 to 1918. Forbes was postmaster for almost 32 years. In the latter years constant shortages resulted in the Post Office authorities asking for his resignation. His son Gordon Bronston Forbes was appointed postmaster on May 11, 1938. Shortly after WW II started Gordon Forbes enlisted and was granted military leave as of November 28, 1939.

On the same date, November 28, 1939, Angus Arthur Rouse became Brinkman's Corners fifth postmaster. Angus Rouse and George Wyonch acted as guides at Dr. Fred Palmer's, Palwood Lodge on the northwest end of Gillies Lake. Mr. Rouse's wife, Esma, Rouse, nee Barklay, was appointed the postmaster's assistant and looked after the post office. The Rouse's owned the large house built by Philip Forbes on Lot 35, Concession 4, EBR. With her husband away working as a guide, Esma Rouse decided to go into the tourist home business and put up a sign, "Rooms for Rent". The business developed rapidly and after re-modelling she opened, "The Dew Drop Inn", in 1939. The business prospered and lasted for thirty years. The Rouse's closed the tourist home in 1975 and moved to Lion's Head. Meanwhile in 1946 the post office was closed on June 29th. Postal authorities said it was closed due to its limited usefulness. Patrons were served by Rural Mail Delivery, Miller Lake RR 1.

### The Postmasters of Brinkman's Corners

Post office established: *January 1, 1899*

Joseph Brinkman	Jan. 1, 1899 until Apr. 8, 1905	RESIGNED
Charles Shute	Jan. 15, 1906 until Mar. 7, 1906	RESIGNED
Philip Forbes	May 14, 1906 until Mar. 5, 1938	RESIGNED
Gord. Bronston Forbes	May 11, 1938 until Nov. 28, 1939	RESIGNED
Angus Arthur Rouse	November 28, 1939	ACTING
Angus Arthur Rouse	Feb., 1940 until June 29, 1946	
Post office closed:	<i>June 29, 1946</i>	

*Cabot Head lighthouse. This post card is published by "friends of Cabot Head", Lion's Head, and was printed by The Tobermory Press, Tobermory, Ontario.*



### Notes on the more important N.P.O. hamlets of Lindsay Township.

#### CABOT HEAD

Cabot Head, which juts out, into Georgian Bay is located on the northeast part of Lindsay Township. It was named, "Little Cabotia", and is shown as such on the September 1815 marine charts of Admiral William Fitzwilliam Owen. Admiral Owen wished to honour Sir John Cabot, (1450-1498), a Venetian whom along with his son Sebastian discovered Labrador in 1497 while in the service of England. The name Little Cabotia never caught on with the local settlers who referred to the area as Cabot's Head and eventually Cabot Head. Today the name Cabot Head is the acceptable place name.

The lighthouse at Cabot Head was built in 1895. After falling into disrepair the lighthouse has been restored and is now open as a museum. Tourists and sightseers use a road that runs north along the shore from Dyer's Bay to Cabot Head. A post office never existed here. Residents receive their mail at Dyer's Bay.

#### ABERNETHY

Old maps produced in 1888 by W. J. Gage & Co. of Toronto, Ontario, show only three settlements in Lindsay Township, Dyer's Bay, Cape Chin and Abernethy.

Abernethy, in the northwest part of the township is the only community of the three to not have a post office. The post office route map of 1883 shows Abernethy as a distribution point on the way to Tobermory.

An inquiry in 1884 to the post office authorities elicited a reply that consideration would be given to the need for a post office. It was also pointed out that a post

office by that name had just been established in Assiniboia (Saskatchewan) and therefore the name for a post office in Ontario would be unacceptable. As time went on Abernethy's importance diminished and no further action was requested or taken.

### MONUMENT

Monument was the unusual name given to a settlement that developed around Lot 5, Concession 2, EBR Abraham West came into the township in the late 1860's before the first sale of lots was made in 1870. This

pioneer was Lindsay's first settler. Monument never applied or had a post office.

### CLARKS CORNERS

When William Clark settled on Lot 2, Concession 2, WBR, about 1869 he became the Township's second settler. Clarks Corners became an important little community. But when Highway 6 bypassed the community it ceased to grow. As a result it has never had a post office and prospects for the future look rather dim. ☒

# The Hamlet of Honeywood Dufferin County

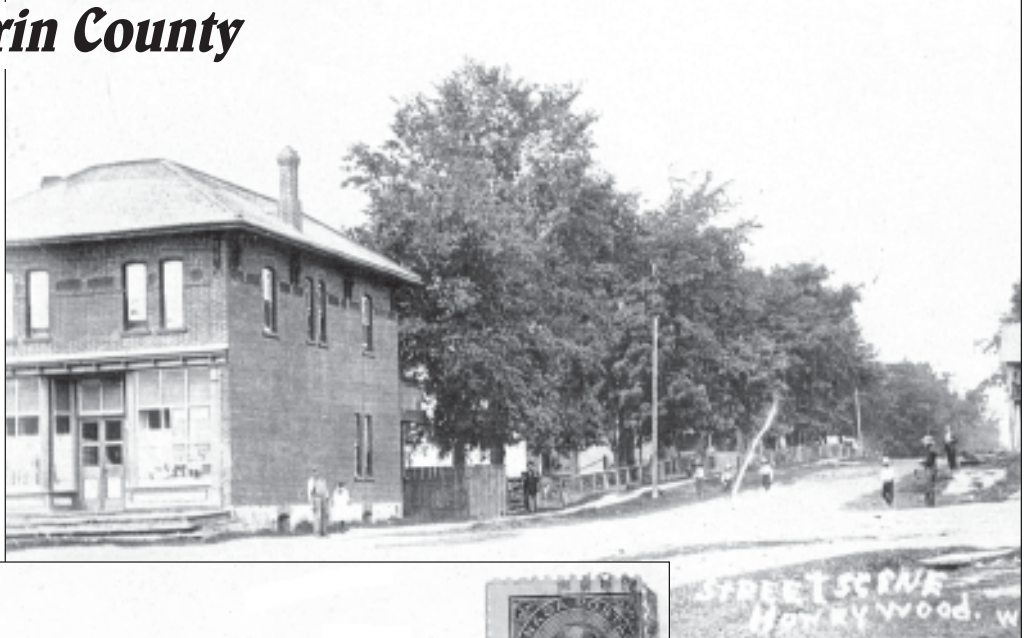
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page we see the post office as it appeared in 1991 – nothings much had changed over the years. Honeywood post office witnessed a number of organizational

*Honeywood street scene with post office in the building at left of card.*  
COURTESY OF Dufferin County Museum

*George Power, G. Knierim*

The post of office at Honeywood was established on July 1, 1865 at the Yorkshire Settlement in Mulmur Township. Right from the beginning it was located in the local store. In the post card to the right we see an early street scene in Honeywood which shows the general store which housed the post office for most of its life. On the next



HONEYWOOD  
AU 1500  
77  
ONT

PROOF STRIKE  
22 mm  
A1 hammer  
with  
7 mm arcs

HONEYWOOD  
MY 2  
ONT

PROOF STRIKE  
21 mm  
A1 hammer  
with 4.5,  
4.0 mm arcs

*Honeywood had five different broken circle hammers in use over its life time. This card is struck with fourth broken circle hammer (20.5 mm/ 6.5, 7.5 mm arcs) which was proofed July 16, 1894.*





HONEYWOOD ONT. / NO 16 / 1917 – Registered letter mailed to Christie Brown & Co.  
 COURTESY OF Dufferin County Museum

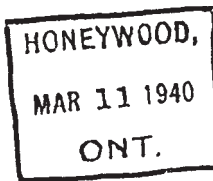
PROOF STRIKE  
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 A1 hammer  
 with 7.5,  
 8.0 mm arcs



PROOF STRIKE  
 22.5 mm  
 circular  
 date stamp

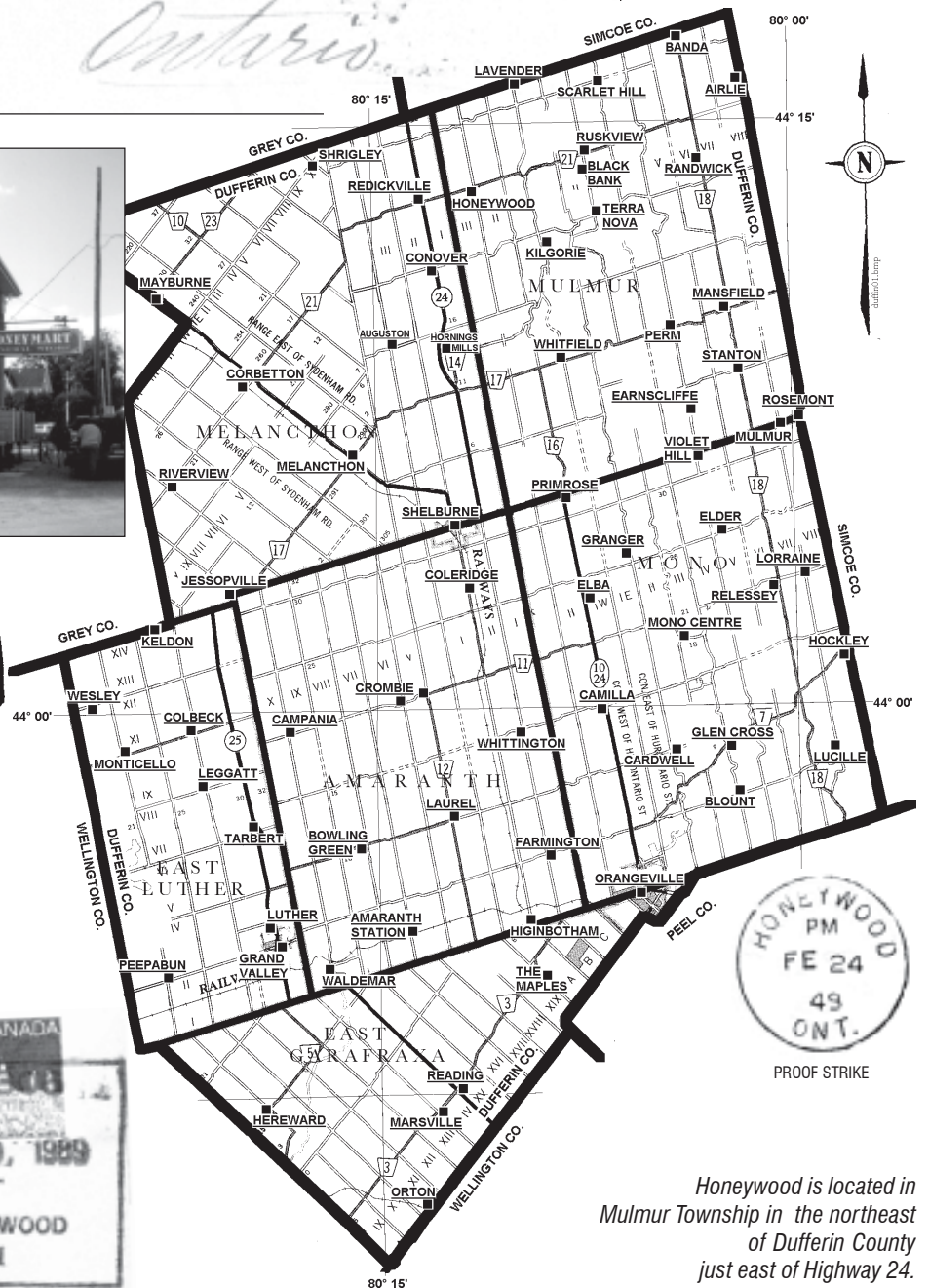


Honeywood Post Office, September 1991.



410306  
 NOV 9 1989  
 HONEYWOOD  
 ON

This franchise operated from late 1989 until summer of 1990 when its number was transferred to the new Conover franchise on Hwy. 24.



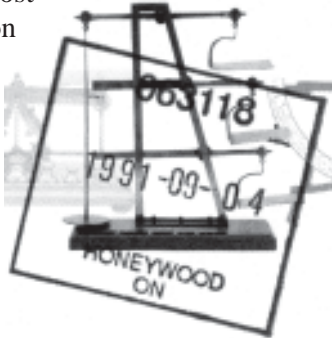
PROOF STRIKE

Honeywood is located in Mulmur Township in the northeast of Dufferin County just east of Highway 24.

changes including the introduction of the money order office numbers (3198) and the introduction on April 1, 1973 of the computerized (pocon) numbering system which allotted the number 332585 to Honeywood.

Officially the post office closed July 16, 1991, however a franchise (409774) had been in operation since June 1, 1889. It closed July 24, 1989 and was replaced by a franchise whose RC Number was 410306. On July 1, 1990 a postal franchise opened at Conover on Hwy. 24. It carried the same number as the closed Honeywood franchise. One would assume that the owners of the Honeywood franchise had opened the store and gas bar on Hwy. 24 and Canada Post simply transferred the operation there. This Conover franchise closed on September 18, 1992.

On June 17, 1991 the store in Honeywood reopened and once again a postal franchise was established. The new operations number for the Honeywood location was



063118. This location once again closed in 1994. The community is now served by a community mailbox installation. The closest post office would now be Badjeros in Grey County, or Lisle in Simcoe County. ☒

### Postmasters at Honeywood

Robert Lawrence	July 1, 1865 until June 13, 1868	RESIGNATION
George Lawrence	Sep. 1, 1868 until Dec. 17, 1889	RESIGNATION
John McConachie	May 1, 1890 until Aug. 21, 1912	RESIGNATION
G.A. East	Sep. 17, 1912 until Oct. 26, 1939	DEATH
Mrs. Annie East	Oct. 31, 1939	ACTING
William Norman Siddall	Feb. 14, 1940 until July 10, 1946	RESIGNATION
James Patterson Godbold	Nov. 21, 1946 until Sep. 7, 1956	RESIGNATION
Roland Newton	Aug. 20, 1895 until Sep. 10, 1956	ACTING
Roland Newton	Dec. 13, 1956 until Sep. 11, 1961	RESIGNATION
Alfred M. Allen	Sep. 21, 1961	ACTING
Alfred M. Allen	Nov. 7, 1961 until Feb. 11, 1965	RESIGNATION
Roy Orville Harris	Mar. 16, 1965	ACTING
Roy Orville Harris	Apr. 20, 1965 until Apr. 18, 1966	RESIGNATION
Frederick W. Scully	May 2, 1966	ACTING
Frederick W. Scully	June 28, 1966 until May 31, 1969	RESIGNATION
Archibald MacDougall	June 1, 1969 until July 9, 1969	DEATH
Archibald MacDougall	July 10, 1969	PERMANENT
Evelyn J. Coe		
Ms. Karen G. Lucas	Jan. 20, 1982	TEMPORARY
Ms. Karen G. Lucas	May 31, 1982	
Post Office closed:	1994	

## Recording HANOVER'S Broken Circle Strikes.

[REF. 172]

by Peter Kritz

Hanover, Ontario has been a community in the news lately, especially so since the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada decided to hold its annual 2003 meeting there.

Now that the show is over I'm back looking at my collection and came across the following split circles that I originally had thought were all the same.

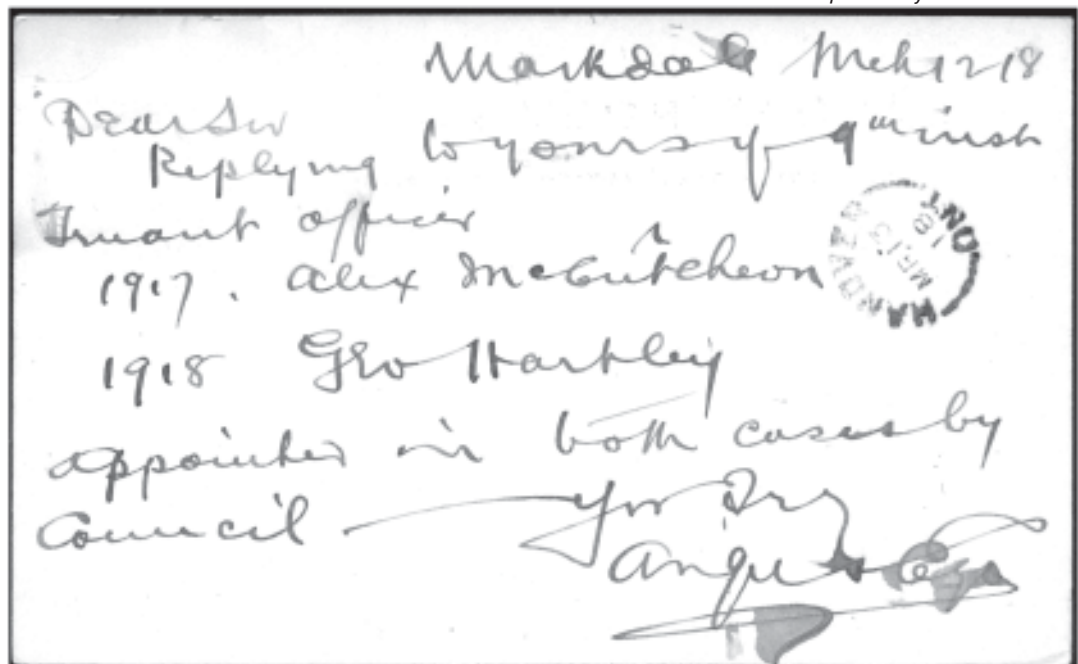
Hanover had a number of broken circle hammers none of which seem to be recorded in detail. Postal service began with the opening of a post office on September 1, 1856.

At first only manuscript marking were available and a cover with

manuscript date of Feb 4 1857 is recorded. This was followed by a 22-mm B2 style instrument and which has been seen with dates from SP 23 1861 until c.1871.

However a 21-mm A1 hammer came into use in the late 1860s and this has been recorded between c.1869 and c.1875 [see p. 256 of the **GBD&S Newsletter**]

**HANOVER ONT. / MR 13 / 1918** – This A1 hammer was proofed FE 26 1913 with no previously recorded dates.

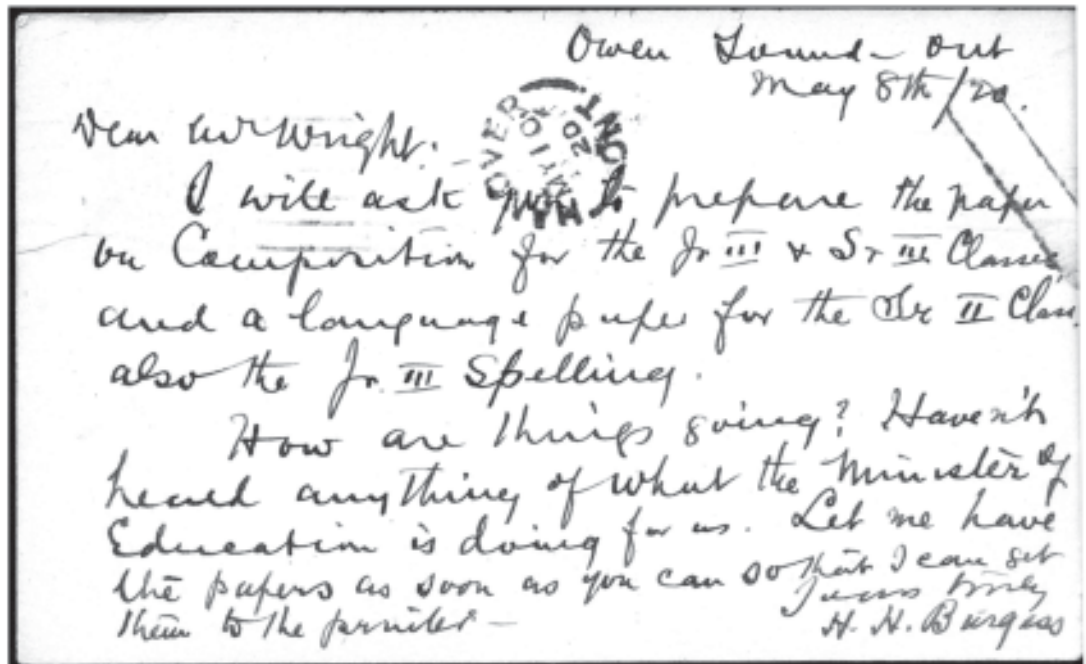






HANOVER ONT. / AP 4 / 1918  
A nice "Jubilee" post card celebrating Canada's fiftieth birthday.

HANOVER ONT. / MY 10 / 1920



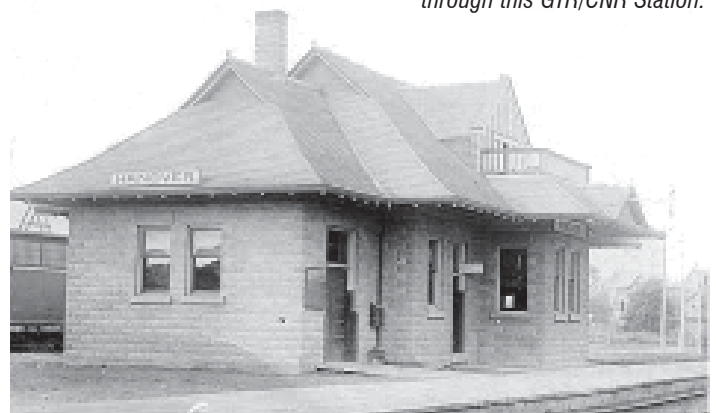
A 22-mm A1 with arcs 9.0 and 8.5 was proofed JY 12 1877. There are no examples on record of this date-stamp. Somewhat later a 19-mm A1 (arcs 4.5, 4.0) came into use and the earliest known date is JY 14 1886.

On FE 25 1889 a new 20-mm A1 (5.0-mm arcs) was proofed. Again there is no record of use on hand.

The seventh broken circle hammer came into use after it was proofed FE 26 1913. This 19.5 mm A1 with 9.0 and 7.5-mm arcs respectively has no known samples recorded. However that situation is herewith altered.

NO 26 1915 saw the release of a further 19-mm A1 hammer with arcs 8.0 and 7.5-mm. The only recorded use was JA 23 1919. Again these dates may be broadened by including an late example of JA 10 1920. It would appear, despite the proof dates that both hammers were used at the same time period. Both the 1913 and the 1915 hammer are distinguished by their oval "O's" instead of round "O's".

Much of Hanover's mail would have passed through this GTR/CNR Station.





[REF. 173]

# CANADA POST shows its *Appreciation* in a novel way!

*Dave Hanes*

When Canada Post says thank you to the communities it serves, to the folks that step right up to the counter, it does it in a big way. The post offices that are part of the Barrie Local Area had customer appreciation days in 2002 and 2003. To mark the occasion Canada Post used special datestamps on the given days in a number of communities. Some of these datestamps appear on these two pages while others are yet to be released. There are some of us that do get excited over this type of publicity and perhaps should be forewarned that other datestamps may yet appear.

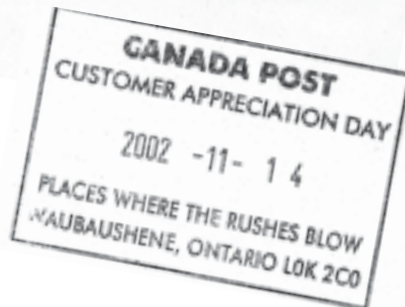
The following is a list if post offices that have utilized the promotion or may at some future point. Those in **bold print** have been seen.

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MIDLAND, ONTARIO L4R 1P0**

FISH THE STILL RIVER  
BRITT, ONTARIO P0G 1A0

ANTIQUERS HAVEN  
COOKSTOWN, ONTARIO L0L 1L0

HISTORIQUE AMICALBE PICTURESQUE  
PENETANGUISHENE, ON L9M 1A0



TOWN OF FRIENDLY PEOPLE  
STAYNER, ONTARIO L0M 1S0

FORMERLY HISTORIC AMBO  
NOBEL, ONTARIO P0G 1G0

CRANBERRY CAPITAL  
BALA, ONTARIO P0C 1A0

**TOWN OF FRIENDLY PEOPLE  
ELMVALE, ONTARIO L0L 1P0**

SEE MUSKOKA FALLS  
BRACEBRIDGE, ONTARIO P1L 1A0

ORIGINALLY MUSKOKA STATION  
MACTIER, ONTARIO P0C 1H0

WALK OUR COVERED BRIDGE  
BURKS FALLS, ONTARIO P0A 1C0

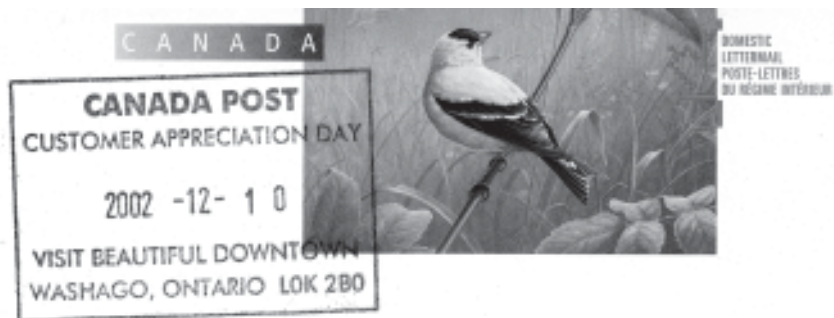
BEAUTIFUL GEORGIAN BAY  
PARRY SOUND, ONTARIO P2A 1T0

DOG SLED MAIL RUN  
ROSSEAU, ONTARIO P0C 1J0

BEAUTIFUL LAKE BERNARD  
SUNDRIDGE, ONTARIO P0A 1Z0

COME TO DWIGHT BAY  
DWIGHT, ONTARIO P0A 1H0

BIGGEST LITTLE TOWN  
KEARNEY, ONTARIO P0A 1M0







MAYOR TED KNIGHT  
PARRY SOUND, ONTARIO FOR SPS

A NATURAL DESTINATION  
SOUTH RIVER, ONTARIO POA 1X0

SCENIC LOOKOUT TOWER  
DORSET, ONTARIO POA 1E0

BETWEEN TWO WATERS  
MAGNETAWAN, ONTARIO POA 1P0

STEPPING INTO THE FUTURE  
EVERETT, ONTARIO LOM 1J0

THE SUNSHINE CITY  
ORILLIA, ONTARIO L3V 4Y0

FRIENDLY TOWN ON LAKE SIMCOE  
BEAVERTON, ONTARIO LOK 1A0

THE HEART OF ORO-MEDONTE  
ORO, ONTARIO LOL 2X0

BEAUTIFUL NORTH  
POINT AU BARIL STN, ON POG 1K0

FLOATING BRIDGE  
UTTERSON, ONTARIO POB 1M0

BEAUTIFUL DOWNTOWN KILWORTHY  
KILWORTHY, ONTARIO POE 1G0

VISIT THE GRIST MILL  
BAYSVILLE, ONTARIO POB 1A0

SEE HORSESHOE FALLS  
PICKEREL, ONTARIO POG 1J0

**HUB OF THE LAKES  
PORT CARLING, ONTARIO POB 1J0**

HISTORIC DOWNTOWN HUNTSVILLE  
HUNTSVILLE, ONTARIO P1H 1A0

HOME OF MUSKOKA FLEET  
GRAVENHURST, ONTARIO P1P 1A0

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PORT CARLING, ONTARIO POB 1J0**

BEAUTIFUL WHITESTONE LAKE  
DUNCHURCH, ONTARIO POA 1G0

**VISIT BEAUTIFUL DOWNTOWN  
WASHAGO, ONTARIO LOK 2B0**

**HISTORICAL TAY  
VICTORIA HARBOUR, ON LOK 2A0**

**PLACES WHERE THE RUSHES BLOW  
WAUBAUSHENE, ONTARIO LOK 2C0**

BEAUTIFUL SANDY BEACHES  
PERKINSFIELD, ONTARIO LOL 2J0

**VISIT HISTORICAL DOWNTOWN  
COLDWATER, ONTARIO LOK 1E0**

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COLLINGWOOD, ONTARIO L9Y 3L0

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**POST OFFICE BUILDINGS ON POST CARDS**

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**BOND HEAD**  
Robt. C. Smith

[REF. 174]

This “real photo” postcard, recently acquired on eBay, is labelled “MAIN ST. / BOND HEAD.” It was post-marked on OC 2 / 14 with an incomplete strike of the BOND HEAD / ONT. circular datestamp of diameter 24 mm, and addressed to a lady at the

Royal Victoria Hospital in Barrie. The interesting aspect of the card from a postal point of view is that there is a sign above the door of the building at the extreme left of the photograph reading “POST OFFICE.”

The post office at Bond Head was established on August 6, 1837, some 77 years before this card was mailed, in West Gwillimbury Township, Simcoe County. Its first postmaster was Joel Flesher Robinson, whose Sureties were provided by Jeremiah

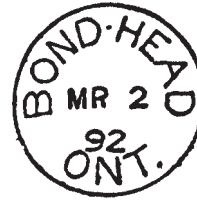
Wilks Dawson and George Baycroft (see “Post Offices in the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, and of Certain Parts of New Brunswick,” compiled by T. A. Stayner, D.P.M.G, 5th July, 1840). Robinson was in fact responsible for naming the town for Sir Francis Bond Head, lieutenant-governor of Upper Canada from 1835 to 1838 (see *Place Names of Ontario*, by Alan Rayburn, Univ. of Toronto Press, 1997).

By the time this card had been mailed the eleventh postmaster, William K. Ogilvie, was in office; his term began in 1896 and extended until his death in 1918. The building shown on this card may well have been a store owned by him.

Bruce Graham (in his *Ontario Broken Circles*) lists seven different postmarks for this town, including a manuscript marking of 1839, a BOND-HEAD / U.C 1839-type and a BOND-HEAD / C.W double broken circle, a BOND-HEAD / C.W single broken circle, as well as



No recorded dates of usage are listed for this 23-mm A1 hammer proofed in 1880. Notice Bondhead is spelled as one word.



Proof strike of the 1892 circular date stamp (25 mm)

A lady is standing in front of the post office door at the far left of this post card. Notice post office sign above the door.



single broken circles reading BONDHEAD / ONT. (MR 23 / 80), BOND HEAD / ONT (MY 22 / 90), and BOND HEAD / ONT. (FE 13 / 31). In addition, two different circular datestamps appear in the proof impression books, one in 1892 and the other in 1926 (it is difficult to say if the partial strike on this card is from the 1892 device or not). A rectangular MOON 2284 hand-stamp was proofed on March 4, 1953.

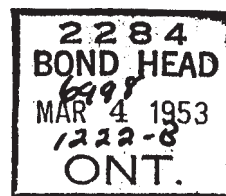


In 1926 a new circular date stamp came into use. Shown here is the proof strike.



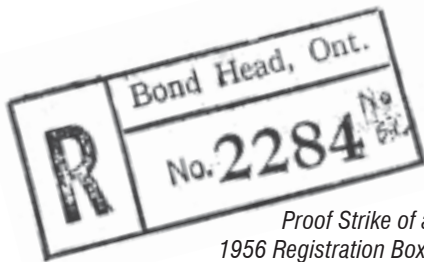
In 1931 the last of the A1 hammer was brought into use. Proofed February 13, 1931 it spelled Bond Head without a hyphen.

Bond Head was assigned 2284 as its Money Order Office Number. Shown here is a proof strike from 1953.





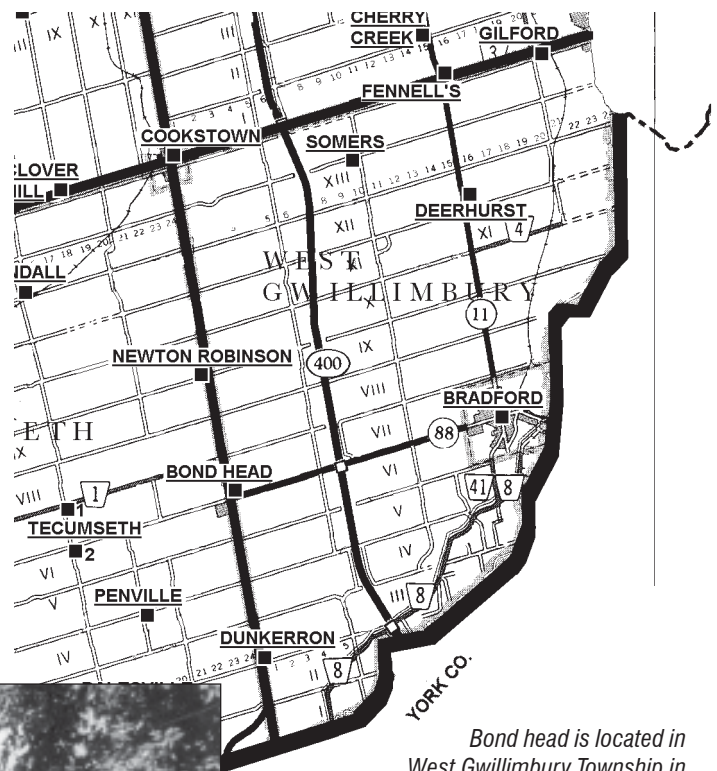
Early post card showing a street scene in Bond Head.



Proof Strike of a 1956 Registration Box. and a one-line MOON handstamp

### POSTMASTERS AT BOND HEAD

Post Office estab.	Aug. 6, 1837	
Joel Flesher Robinson	PM	
H.R. Archer	PM in 1844	
C. McVittie	PM in 1853 until Apr. 1855	RESIGNATION
Andrew St. Clair	Oct. 1, 1855 until Mar. 1856	DEATH
Mrs. S. St. Clair	June 1, 1856 until Mar. 9, 1863	RESIGNATION
Hiram Lount	Apr. 1, 1863 until Nov. 7, 1872	RESIGNATION
A.H. Carter	Feb. 1, 1873 until 1877	
Richard Stevenson	July 1, 1877 until Oct. 23, 1878	RESIGNATION
Joseph M. Carter	Dec. 1, 1878 until Mar. 8, 1887	RESIGNATION
Erasmus I. Carter	May 1, 1887 until Aug. 17, 1896	DEATH
William K. Ogilvie	Oct. 1, 1896 until Mar. 21, 1918	DEATH
Marshall B. Hipwell	June 17, 1918 until Feb. 11, 1952	
Oscar V. Shaw	Mar. 1, 1952	ACTING
Oscar V. Shaw	Apr. 1, 1952 until Aug. 4, 1953	RESIGNATION
Mrs. Eileen Doeler	Aug. 14, 1953	ACTING
Mrs. Eileen Doeler	Dec. 3, 1953 until Apr. 28, 1974	
Mrs. June M. Csicsmics	Apr. 29, 1974 until Oct. 30, 1974	
Mr. Jenó Csicsmics	Oct. 1, 1974	
Mrs. J.A. Baguley	June 23, 1975	



In September 2000, the post office was located at 4360 7th Line in the village of Bond Head. It is attached to the postmaster's residence and as such it is not very common in Southern Ontario.

It would be interesting to know what other offices in our area are located in the residences of the postmaster. Most of the post offices that are not in public buildings are located in small stores. Perhaps our readers can identify the offices in such a locale.



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