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TOWN of
SOUTH BRUCE PENINSULA

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Elsinore

Donald (Duncan) McLeod, a resident of Elsinore, contacted the postal authorities in 1862 suggesting that the area should have a post office. The Department asked Mr. W. Sweetman, its chief post office inspector, to check and advise if a post office was needed in the area. Not only did Mr. Sweetman recommend that a post office be established, he also suggested the name Elsinore for the community. At that particular time (1863) members of the British Royal Family were visiting Denmark attending Shakespeare's *Hamlet*, which was being performed in Kronborg Castle, known in Shakespeare's play as Elsinore Castle. Publicity concerning the Royal Visit resulted in the general public being familiar with the name Elsinore. The local citizens did not object to the suggested name for their community. The post office authorities readily accepted the name for the post office.

The Elsinore post office was established on May 1, 1863 in Donald McLeod's log house located on Lot 27, Concession A-N1/3. This was the first post office in Amabel Township. Mr. McLeod was appointed the

Kronberg Castle, the Elsinore castle of Shakespeare's *Hamlet*, was built by King Frederick II in 1585 and restored by King Christian IV in 1637.



Elsinore, Ontario, general store and post office, 1907.
Ira Eby, proprietor and postmaster.
To the left is the blacksmith shop and the hotel.
All buildings have been removed.

township's first postmaster. His wife Ellen, nee Crowe became his assistant after serving for three years. Mr. McLeod resigned on April 11, 1866.

Elsinore is located on Highway 21, on the Amabel-Arran townline. It is 3½ miles (4.6 kilometers) west of Allenford and 7 miles (11 kilometers) east of Southampton. David Forsythe is said to have been Amabel Township's first settler. He moved to Lot 22, Concession B, near Elsinore before the land sale of 1856.

With the demise of Mr. McLeod, the post office moved across the road into Arran Township to Robert Montgomery's general store on Lot 20, HMS (Arran's half-mile strip). (The lots on the Arran-Amabel border were ½ mile in depth and were offered for sale in 1852 by the Indian Land Department). The office operated from Montgomery's store from September 1866 until October 1871. Mr. Montgomery was well-known in the area having the

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Post Office mail route map of 1883. Mail was transferred at Elsinore for French Bay. The postmaster at French Bay had the contract for conveying the mail over the 5-mile route, two trips per week.

first school in the peninsula built in 1863 on his land on the south-west corner of Lot B and C-line. In 1871 Montgomery, who had come to Canada from Ireland, decided to move to Australia, and resigned.

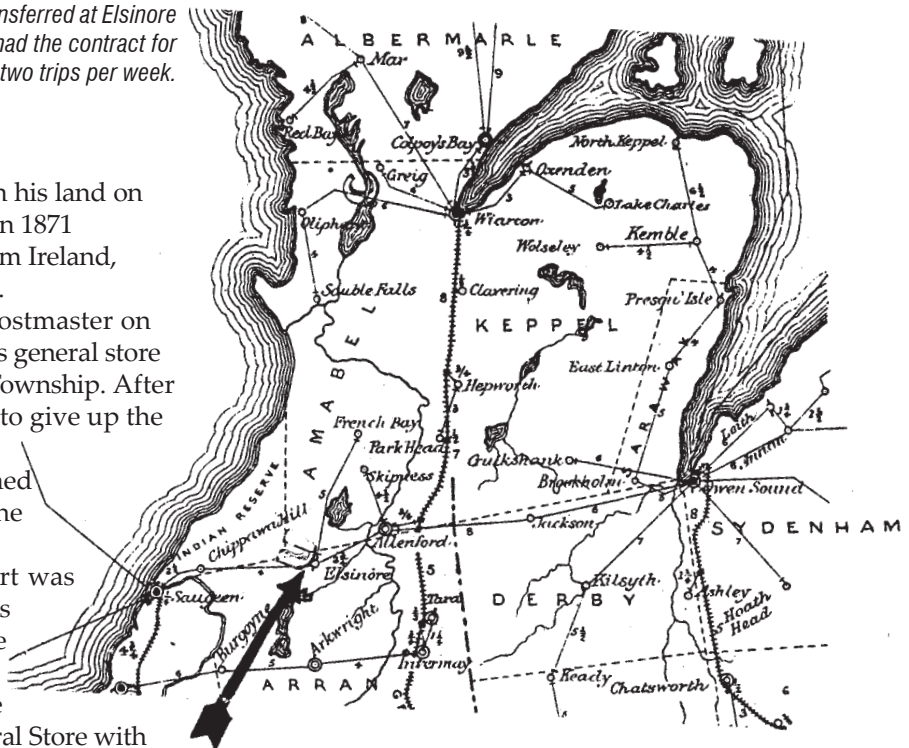
John Luxson became Elsinore's third postmaster on April 1, 1872. The post office moved into his general store on the the south side of the road in Arran Township. After a mere three months Mr. Luxson decided to give up the post office and resigned.

On April 1, 1873 the post office re-opened in George Montgomery's farm house on the HMS, Lot 25 in Arran Township. George Montgomery who was a brother to Robert was appointed postmaster on an interim basis until a new location for the office could be found.

Arrangements were made to locate the post office in the rear of the Elsinore General Store with Joseph Johnston as postmaster. His wife Gladys, nee Stevenson acted as his assistant. At this time Elsinore boasted it had a population of 50 individuals. In 1875 the Johnsons purchased Lot 20, Concession A. Two years later Mr. Johnston resigned, and farmed for a number of years before retiring. He died in 1949.

James Jones took over the post office as postmaster from Joseph Johnston. Little is known about Mr. Jones who served for almost 2½ years, resigning on March 30, 1879.

Robert Nelson, an Elsinore storekeeper, was appointed postmaster on July 1, 1879. He was a son of Wilson Nelson and Sara Jane White. Mr. Nelson managed his store and the post office for 12 years. He was assisted by his wife Jessie, nee Fleming. In January 1891 Nelson sold the store, resigned as postmaster and moved to Wiarton, Ontario, where he was employed as a mail clerk in the Wiarton post office.



Joseph M. White, a blacksmith by trade and a former Reeve of Amabel Township from 1888 to 1891, was appointed postmaster on May 8, 1891. In 1895 Mr. White submitted his resignation to the Post Office Department. He and his wife Elizabeth, nee Nelson were appointed innkeepers of the new County House of Refuge in Walkerton, Ontario. He was known as the Innkeeper and his wife, the Matron.

J. W. Shier purchased the Elsinore General Store and was appointed postmaster on October 7, 1895. Few details about Mr. Shier have been recorded. He must have served the community well as evidenced by his stewardship as postmaster over a seven-year period. On December 14, 1902 postal authorities removed Mr. Shier from office and moved the post office to James W.

Hunter's general store.

James Hunter and his successor Peter Cameron were storekeepers on the south, or Arran side, of the township line. They were postmasters for only one year, Hunter in 1903 and 1904; Cameron in 1904 and 1905.

In the early days of Elsinore, mail service was very inadequate. A road to Elsinore did not exist. Mail came from Allenford and Owen Sound via



*Stampless cover, paid 3 cents, and posted at **EL SINORE / C.W** / Sep. 27 / 71 struck with 21.0 mm Type A2 (arcs 9.0, 10.0) and received by Mrs. D. Sinclair at Paisley.*



EL SINORE / ONT.
OC 4 / 1897
Type A1 (20.0 mm)

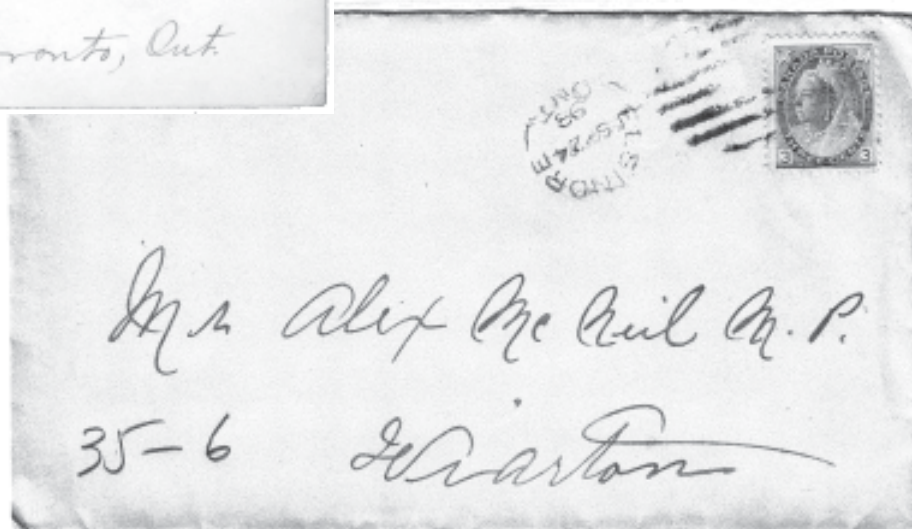


PROOF STRIKE
EL SINORE / ONT.
MR 10 / 1893
Type A1
20.0 mm
(arcs 9.0, 10.0)



PROOF STRIKE
EL SINORE-ONT. / CANADA
OC 9 / 1879
Type A4
22.0 mm

8-bar "Killer" in use at
Elsinore



EL SINORE / ONT. / SP 24 / 1898

the Gimby Trail, an Indian path through the forest from the mouth of the Saugeen River (Southampton), going east on the high ground until near Elsinore, thence to Allenford and then followed a zig-zag course to Owen Sound. It was not until 1865 that the trees were cleared for a road. The road was built in 1866 and 1867. The Wellington, Grey & Bruce Railway from Clifford reached Paisley in 1871 and Southampton in 1872. The Stratford & Lake Huron Railway, later the Grand Trunk Railway reached Allenford in 1881 and Warton on November 29, 1881. The mail started to come by rail and the result was an improved service.

By 1900 Elsinore had become an important village. It had two stores, a post office, two hotels, (the Campbell Hotel and the Johnston House), two blacksmith's shops, a sawmill, a dressmakers shop, three churches and a school. Ten years later with better roads and the introduction of the automobile Elsinore began a steady decline. Today (2006), Elsinore has an excellent general store and a number of residences. The other business establishments including the three churches have closed or have been dismantled.

On June 24, 1905 John Ira Eby, who operated a general store was appointed postmaster. Mr. Eby was a descendent of the Eby's who came from Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and settled in Waterloo County, Ontario. Jacob Eby moved to the Elsinore area where he purchased the

north part of Lot 40. A son Levi Eby, 1850-1939, took over the property.

After serving as postmaster for over four years, Ira Eby sold the store to Robert H. Henderson. Mr. Henderson was appointed postmaster on October 1, 1909. Five years later Mr. Henderson resigned and the post office was temporarily closed. Rural mail delivery was being introduced and the Department decided to permanently close the Elsinore post office on June 30, 1915.

Bruce Graham reports in *Ontario Broken Circles* that Elsinore made use of three different postmarking devices. On December 7, 1866 a type A2x Berri instrument was ordered with manuscript dating. Only one example of usage has been reported as shown on page 466. Since the post office opened May 1, 1863 it begs the question of whether another instrument may exist predating the Berri hammer, or was all mail previously notated by manuscript. A 22-mm type A4 device was proofed on October 9, 1879. There are no reports of usage for this postmark. The last hammer issued was the 20-mm type A1, proofed March 10, 1893 and reported used between May 6, 1893 and March 31, 1914. That covers the 52-year period of the Elsinore operation with only the first 3½ years in question.

Joseph Montgomery, the mail courier for R.R. #1 Allenford, served the residents of Elsinore. Mr. Hender-



son's contract called for six trips per week, 19 miles per trip for which he was paid \$479.79 per annum. He succeeded James Knox the first courier. Mr Knox used a horse and buggy in the summer and a horse and cutter during the winter.

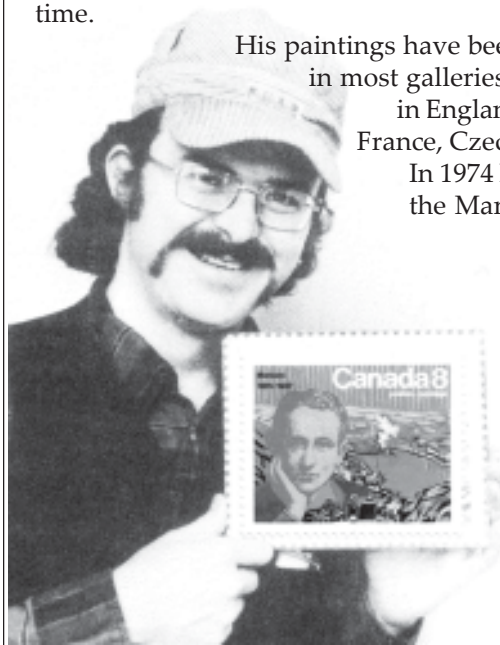
Some of the R.R. #1 mail couriers who served Elsinore were Israel and Jasper Sprung, William Crawford, Harold Penton, Burt Fenton, William and Ida Carson who were couriers on R. R. #1 and 2, from 1947-1954, David McCoy and his wife delivered the R.R. #1 mail for 21 years. Henry Kelly was noted as the Allenford R.R. #1 courier in 1982.



John Boyle, Elsinore

Elsinore became the home of John Boyle and his family in 1973. he was born and educated on Lonfon, Ontario, where he taught school for a number of years before becoming and artist full time.

His paintings have been exhibited in most galleries in Canada, in England, Belgium, France, Czechoslovakia. In 1974 he designed the Marconi stamp.



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THE POSTMASTERS OF ELSINORE and their periods of service

<i>Post office established</i>	May 1, 1863	
Donald McLeod	May 1, 1863 until April 11, 1866	RESIGNATION
Robert Montgomery	Sep. 1, 1866 until Oct. 25, 1871	RESIGNATION
John Luxson	Apr. 1, 1872 until June 28, 1872	RESIGNATION
George Montgomery	Apr. 1, 1873 until Mar. 27, 1874	RESIGNATION
Joseph Johnston	Apr. 1, 1874 until Mar. 30, 1877	RESIGNATION
James Jones	Oct. 1, 1877 until Mar. 30, 1879	RESIGNATION
Robert Nelson	July 1, 1879 until Jan. 9, 1891	RESIGNATION
Joseph M. White	May 8, 1891 until Sep. 30, 1895	RESIGNATION
J. W. Shier	Oct. 7, 1895 until Dec. 29, 1902	REMOVED FROM OFFICE
James W. Hunter	Feb. 1, 1903 until Sep. 8, 1904	RESIGNATION
Peter Cameron	Oct. 1, 1904 until Mar. 2, 1905	RESIGNATION
John Eby	June 24, 1905 until Aug. 9, 1909	RESIGNATION
Robert H. Henderson	Oct. 1, 1909 until Aug. 20, 1914	RESIGNATION
<i>Post office closed</i>	June 30, 1915 - Rural Mail Delivery	

Black Bank & Ruskview

Mulmur Township
DUFFERIN COUNTY

by *George Power*

There are two hamlets in the north-east corner of the scenic hills of Mulmur Township whose names are linked together through their postal history roots.

BLACK BANK

December 1, 1868 until December 31, 1914

The community of Black Bank, originally named Britannia, is located on 25th sideroad of Mulmur Township between Concession 1 East of Hurontario Street (EHS) and the Centre Road. William McClinton, was one of the first settlers of the area and purchased Lot 26, Concession 1, Mulmur, from the Crown, in 1866.

In 1876 he sold a mill site from it to Mary Plewes and Jonah Tarbush with the privilege to build a dam across Dufferin Creek. This flour mill was run by James Plewes, Tom Turrell, George Smeal and T. Wallace until the 1880s when it burnt down. This was the era of greatest prosperity for the community of Black Bank. In 1890 there was a Presbyterian church and a school as well as the general store.

Henry Allen

December 1, 1868 until March 5, 1870

The first post office was located on a farm owned by Henry Allen on the East Half of Lot 25, Concession 2, East of Hurontario Street. Henry Allen was the uncle of Mrs. George Rusk, another family in the area. Mr. Allen built a small house and a log barn. He also cleared most of the land.

The nearest post offices to the farm were Honeywood

The Black Bank Store



In 1871, the land for the store was sold by Wm. McClinton to Mary Plewis and Jonah Tarbush. The early details of the building are lacking, but Harry Heitman was one of the first storekeepers.

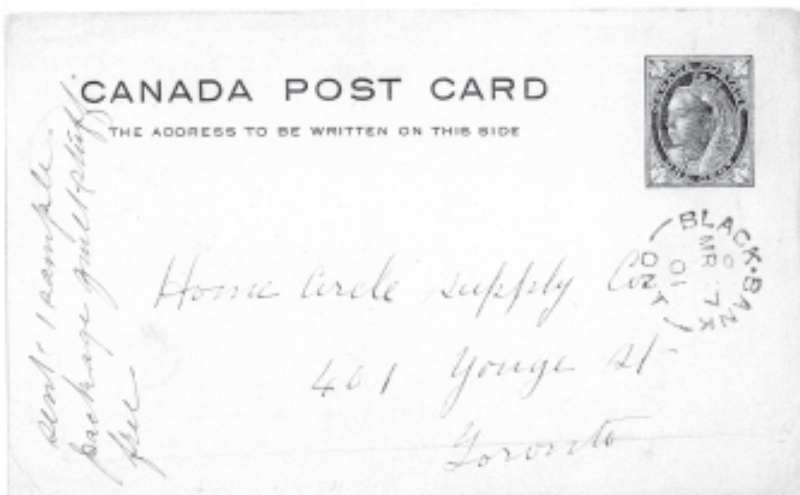
In 1880 it was sold to George Smeal. The next on record was R. J. Bellamy who took over in 1896. It was operated for a short time by Wm. Duffin, then in 1908 it was bought by Wm. Fletcher, who operated it until 1920, when it was sold to Theophilus Oakes. After Mr. Oakes left, it ceased to be operated as a store and was bought for a residence by Robert Shaw.

It was occupied for a short time after the death of Mr. Shaw in 1936, by different people who rented it. In 1944 it was sold to Dorothy McDonald. The McDonalds never occupied it, and it was sold in 1948 to Jas. Lovegrove. He in turn sold it to Harry Budd about 1960.

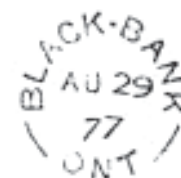
Wm. McClinton.

and Whitfield. Mr. Allen asked his friend, Henry Graham who was the storekeeper at Banda to help him with the application to establish a post office.

Although Henry Graham had some influence with government at that time, he was remembered more for his sense of humor. As a practical joke he indicated on the application papers that the name of the new post office was to be called Black Bank. Mr. Graham knew that the name Black Bank was the same name of a place back in Ireland that Mr. Allen disliked intensely. Mr. Graham thought that the name could be changed later. However, the name stuck and was carried on to the post office's new location when it was moved to Lot 26, Concession 1, EHS in 1882.



PROOF STRIKE
Type A1
(21.0 mm
arcs 6.0 mm)



BLACK-BANK / ONT.
MR 7 / 1901

John Newell

June 1, 1870 until June 10, 1881

Mr. Allen held the position of postmaster from 1868 to 1870 when he sold his farm to John Newell. Mr. Newell built a large frame house and barn on the property to replace the existing buildings. Mr. Newell became the postmaster and held that position until 1881.

In 1875, while still operating as the Black Bank post office, the name of the settlement was changed to Ruskview, after a family named Rusk and the magnificent view of the surrounding countryside. During that time Seymour Newell, youngest son of John Newell, walked or rode on horseback twice a week to deliver mail to and from the Honeywood post office 5 miles away.

In 1900 Seymour Newell built the large brick house that still stands on the property.

Henry Heitman

January 1, 1882 until March 5, 1891

Mr. Henry Heitman of Collingwood bought a half acre lot adjoining the mill site in the settlement of Britannia located at Lot 26, Concession 1, east of Hurontario Street, Mulmur. He built a general store which his son, Harry Heitman eventually took over.

In January 1882, Harry Heitman offered to take over the position of postmaster for Black Bank from John

Newell as he wished to retire. The location of the post office was moved 1½ concessions west.

The Postmaster General would not approve changing the name to Britannia because there was already a post office with the same name located in Peel County (1863–1915). Approval was given to move the post office provided that the name remained Black Bank. This makes it appear that the community of Black Bank picked up and moved itself one and a half concessions west of its original location.

J. Bellamy

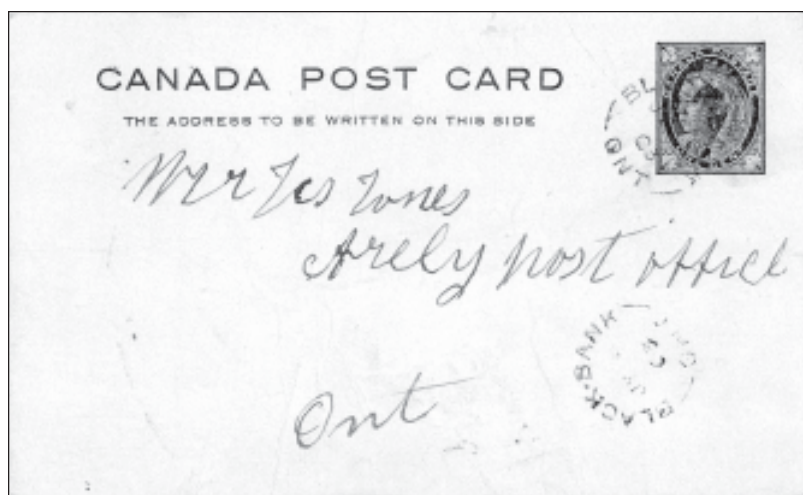
June 1, 1891 until June 27, 1907

For a short time between March 1891 and June 1891, William Duffin operated the store. In June, James H. Bellamy took over the store and the position of postmaster.

William Fletcher

August 15, 1907 until December 13, 1914

William Fletcher became postmaster on August 15, 1907 and held the position until the post office closed on December 13, 1914 on account of Rural Mail Delivery. The advertisement for the mail contract shown on page 471 was taken from the *Shelburne Free Press* newspaper, January 9, 1913. It is asking for tenders to transport the mail six times a week for four years each way between Black Bank and the Grand Trunk Railway Station at Lisle.



BLACK-BANK / ONT.

JY ? / 1903

Notice the misspelling of the addressee's post office: ARELY instead of AIRLIE

BLACK BANK / ONT.

SP 28 / 190?

Second broken circle hammer for this community.

Type A1

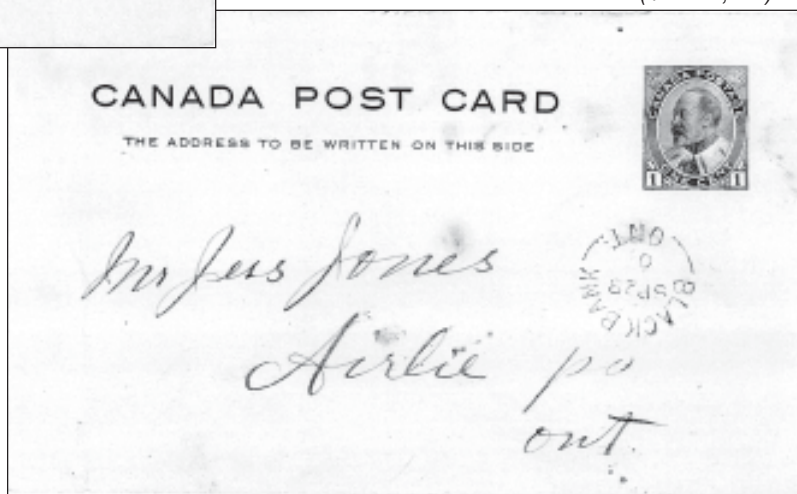
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BLACK BANK
Revenue collected by, and Salary paid to
Postmaster of this Non-Accounting Post Office
during the financial year ending
March 31, 1912

Revenue . . . **\$38.40**

Salary (based on revenue of previous year)
\$35.00

— REPORT OF POSTMASTER GENERAL, 1912 —



For the Fiscal Year ending March 31, 1912, A. Duffin, as contractor, was paid an annual sum of \$479.08 to carry the mail six times per week, between Black Bank and the Grand Trunk Railway Station at Lisle – a distance of 13 miles.

REPORT OF
POSTMASTER GENERAL, 1912



MAIL CONTRACT

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the Postmaster General will be received at Ottawa until noon on Friday, 7th February, 1913, for the conveyance of His Majesty's Mails on a proposed Contract for four years six times per week each way between

Black Bank and Grand Trunk Railway Station (Lisle)

from the 1st April

Printed notices containing further information as to conditions of proposed Contract may be seen and blank forms of Tender may be obtained at the Post Offices of Black Bank, Airlie, Randwick, Ruskview, Lisle and Terra Nova and at the Office of the Post Office Inspector at Toronto.

G. C. ANDERSON, Superintendent.
Post Office Department, Mail Service Branch, Ottawa, 24th December, 1912. 36c



GTR Station at Lisle.

RUSKVIEW

July 1, 1883 until December 31, 1916

Ruskview is situated at the corner of the second line of Mulmur Township and the 25th sideroad also referred to as Dufferin County Road 21. The view from the bluff extends from the northeast overlooking the City of Barrie and Canadian Forces Base Borden to the southwest catching the outskirts of Shelburne. The view overlooking the Pine River Valley is enhanced, when on a crystal clear day one can see as far as the space deck on the CN Tower in Toronto.

Robert Reid

July 1, 1883 until March 19, 1889

In 1880 an acre lot was sold from the original hundred-acre farm owned by John Newell to Robert Reid. A blacksmith shop, store and dwelling were built on this northeast corner acre. (The southeast corner of the intersection of the second line and 25th sideroad)

Residents of the community, which was being called Ruskview since 1875, (formerly Black Bank) were tired



The first post office at Ruskview as seen in this 2006 photograph.

of receiving poor mail service since the original post office moved from this site in 1882. They petitioned the government for a new post office. In 1883 Robert Reid became the postmaster of the new Ruskview post office.

Thomas Farley

May 1, 1889 until February 26, 1907

Thomas Farley purchased the property in 1889 and served as postmaster until 1907.

Sarah Beatty

April 1, 1907 until April 19, 1910

At this time the post office was located on the east half of Lot 26, Concession 2, across the road from the site of the first post office previously owned by Thomas Farley.

Elizabeth Rusk

October 3, 1910 until September 28, 1916

Elizabeth was the daughter of James and Susanna Service of Ruskview and sister of Robert and

William Service. She married William James Rusk on November 18, 1891. In February 1900 she was widowed and left with four small children, ages 18 months to eight years. She became postmistress in 1910 and held the position until the post office closed in 1916. She moved to



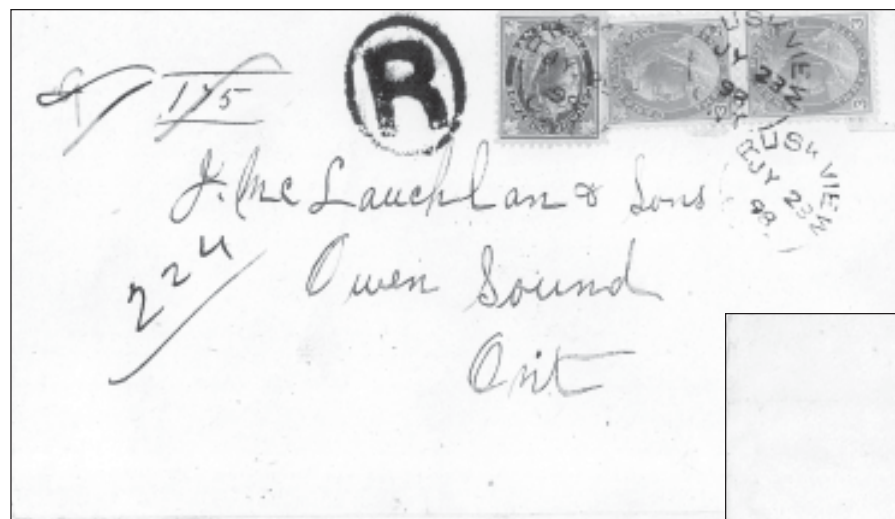
Elisabeth Elisa Rusk (sitting),
1869–1947, postmistress
at Ruskview.

Toronto in 1917, died in 1947 and was buried in Honeywood cemetery.

Around 1925 the building that housed the last Ruskview post office was moved from the corner beside the schoolyard, east across the road to serve as a woodshed. The enclosed photographs are of the



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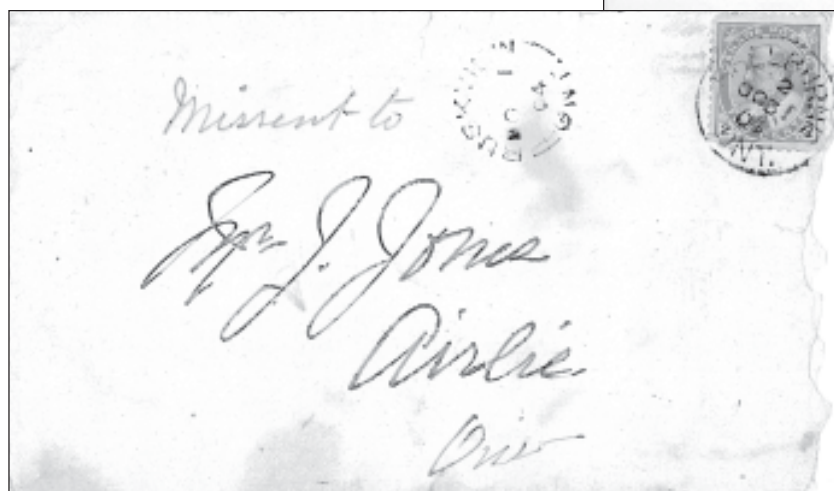
RUSKVIEW / ONT.

JY 28 / 1898

Registered mail from
this small office to a
firm in Owen Sound.



RUSKVIEW / ONT.
SP 14 / 1898



RUSKVIEW / ONT. / NO 1 / 1904

This letter to Mr. J. Jones, Airlie, was
"Missent" to Ruskview, November 1, 1904.

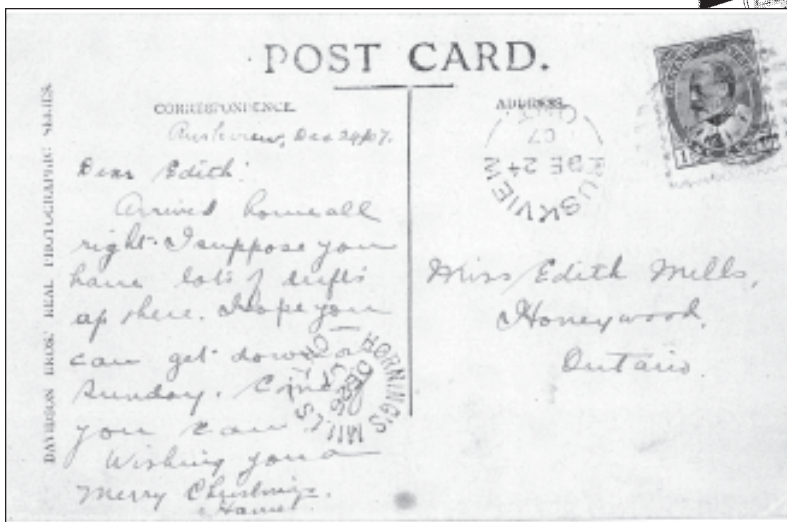
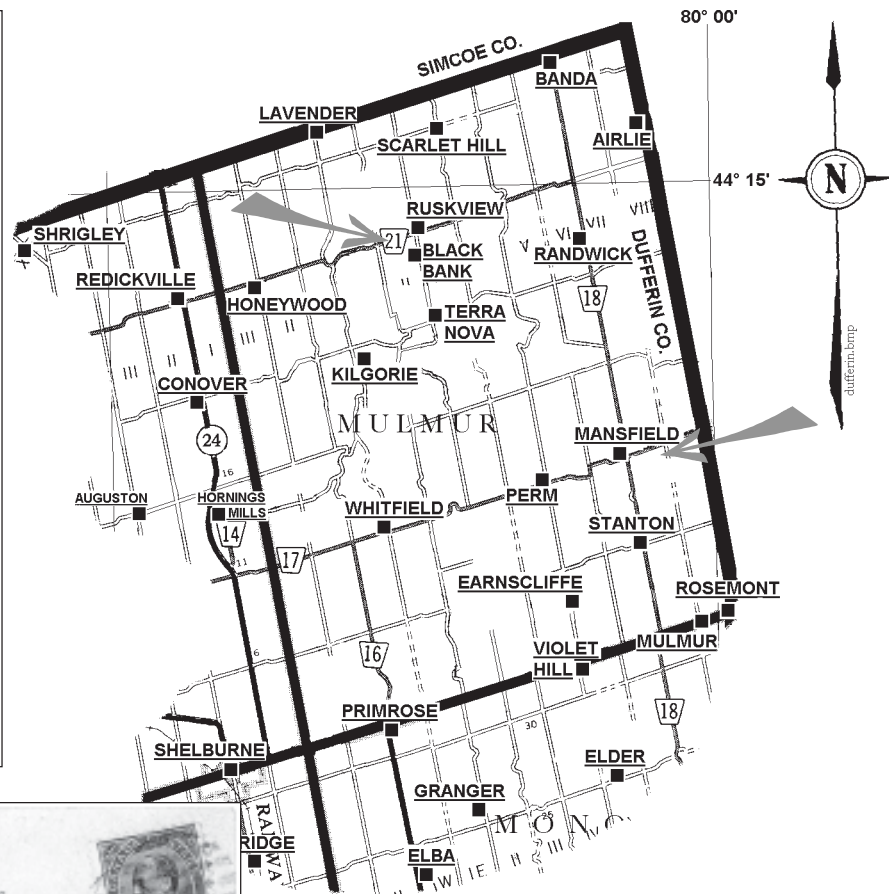
BRISKVIEW or RUSKVIEW

The strike of the
BRISKVIEW

broken circle hammer was first reported in *PHSC Journal* #107, p.61.

"This name has turned out to be rather a challenge, in the sense that it does not appear in the 1897 *Canada Official Postal Guide*, nor is it in any of the 1897 monthly issues of the *Canada Gazette*, which lists the opening dates of all new post offices in each month." Then Editor Bob Smith adds that it is not in any of the directories or gazetteer available to him.

In issue #108, *PHSC Journal*, Alan Rayburn suggests that this might be an error hammer for RUSKVIEW, ONT. in which hand writing may have been misread when the instrument was first ordered. ☒



remains of this old post office building, altered and renovated over time.

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RUSKVIEW / ONT. / DE 24 / 1907

A post card to Miss Edith Mills at Honeywood, Ontario, received a transit strike at HORNING'S MILLS / ONT. / DE 26 / 1907



MANSFIELD General Store & Post Office

have a new home on Airport Road. Take note of the Canada Post sign above the doorway of the old store.

COURTESY – George Powers

Hanover

Robt. C. Smith

[REF. 220]

Before beginning this article, I wish to apologize to the members of the Study Group for a serious error made in the last issue of *The Georgian Courier* in the article on the Creighton post office in Simcoe County. Thanks to the eagle eye of Mike Millar, it has been determined that the postcard shown was in reality a photocard of the post office at Creighton Mine in the Sudbury District. It was a question of my seeing what I wanted to see rather than what was actually there. In any event, the text of the article stands as written, and is not affected by the illustration that was shown. I'll try to get it right this time.

Jim Kraemer has told the story of the Hanover post office in an excellent two-part article which appeared in the forerunner to *The Georgian Courier*, the GBD&SPHSG Newsletter, on pages 255-258 and 265-271 (July and September, 2002 issues). In the article the history of the town of Hanover is discussed, and the various postmarks used there are illustrated, as are two of the buildings that housed the post office. With the 150th anniversary of the Hanover post office being celebrated this past May, all that remains for the present article to do is to illustrate several different

postcards which show three of Hanover's post office buildings. The Hanover post-mastership card is reproduced as well, with several minor corrections, which for the most part were taken from Jim Kraemer's article.

The first post card (Fig. 1) has no publisher's name on the back. It was mailed to Atwood in nearby Perth County, and has no dispatching postmark, but does have an ATWOOD / ONT. c.d.s. receiving mark of AU 24 / 10. This undoubtedly shows the brick building erected by post-master Thomas Coppinger in 1903, mentioned on page 258 of Jim's article. It shows a bevy of children gathered on the steps of the building, where a POST OFFICE sign appears in the right-hand window. The writer of the card has penned in the words "Club room" beside one of the second-floor windows, but does not mention the name of the club on the message side of the card.

The more spacious post office building erected in 1914, which included a clock tower, is the subject of a number of postcards. The first of these is an unused card published by J. E. Evans of Port Rowan, Ontario, and was printed in Germany; this image appears to be the same as the one shown on page 265 of the Kraemer article. The second image is a photocard postmarked with the HANOVER / ONT. B11 duplex (Cloutier's DON-751) on SP 12 / 21. The third shows the building from a slightly different angle on a Photogelatine card which is postmarked with the DON-751a duplex on AM / JAN 14 / 44. The fourth card showing this building is an unused, rather modern-looking photocard with a stylized CKC at the top of the stamp box.

The final photocard shows the modern post office building constructed in 1962-1963, and was mailed at Mildmay on July 9, 1964.

The list of Hanover's postmasters is reproduced here:

Name of Office: **HANOVER (3301) (392014)**
Electoral District: **Bruce-Grey (Ontario)**
Date of Establishment: **1856-09-01**

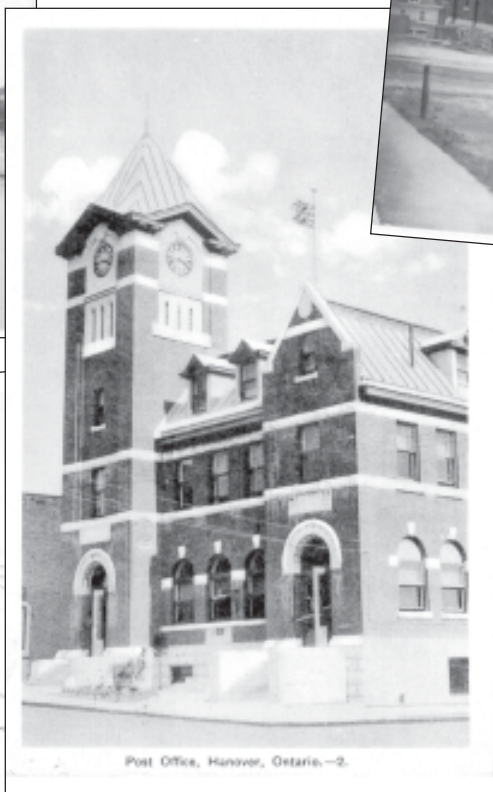
NAME OF POSTMASTER	DATE OF APPOINTMENT	DATE OF VACANCY	CAUSE OF VACANCY
A. Z. Gottwalls	1856-10-01	1870-12	Resignation
Peter Campbell	1870	1872-05	Resignation
Thomas S. Coppinger	1872-05	1912	Death
Charles Coppinger	1912	1934-19-01	Death
Mrs. Charles Coppinger	1934	1934-06	Acting
James S. Blake	1934-06	1953-06-08	Resignation
Robert O. Alexander	1953-06-08	1961-05-30	Death
Gordon W. Allen	1961-05-31	1979-01-15	Disability
David Wilson	1979-01-15	1986-09-08	Promotion
Wallace Stewart	1986-09-08		

REMARKS:

Gottwalls Store (1856-09)
Mary Durham Rd., Campbell Drug Store, Main St. (1870)
501 9th Avenue, Hanover, Ont., N4M 2M0 (1979-01-15)
Staff Office, Grade 7

Fig. 1 –
Thomas
Coppinger's post
office was located
in this building
early in the past
century.





*The Many Faces
of
HANOVER
Post Office*



Bruce County's BROKEN CIRCLES *Revisited . . .*

[REF. 221]

Robert C. Smith, Gus Knierim

The never-ending hunt continues to seek out new postmarking devices as well as new dates for the broken circle types that were so prevalent in the late 1800s and early 1900s. The original list was published in 1999 and much new material has come to the surface. As with the Dufferin County list published in the last issue this list is also available in an electronic spreadsheet format and may be acquired by contacting the editor at <knierim@bmts.com>

Both Bob and I thank the very many contributors that make these lists possible. The *PHSC Journal* runs a column in



Yonge Street, Tara, Bruce County – c. 1896.
COURTESY – Robt. C. Smith

PETER McRAE,
INVERHURON,
POSTMASTER,
DEALER IN
STAPLE & FANCY DRY GOODS,
GROCERIES,
CROCKERY AND HARDWARE,
READY-MADE CLOTHING, BOOTS & SHOES,
COMMISSION & FORWARDING AGENT,
ALSO BUYS
Farm Produce, Wheat, Oats, Barley, Peas, Butter,
Pork, Cord Wood, and Tan Bark.

A. NEELANDS,
POSTMASTER,
DEALER IN
BRITISH & FOREIGN DRY GOODS, GROCERIES,
CROCKERY, HARDWARE,
PAINTS, OILS, DYE STUFFS, LAMPS, ETC.
I have always on hand a large and well-selected stock of everything in the above line.
INVERMAY, C. W.

THOS. ORCHARD,
POSTMASTER,
GENERAL MERCHANT,
ISSUER OF MARRIAGE LICENSES,
Paisley, County Bruce, C. W.

every issue showing new devices and first reports of an existing hammer for all of the Ontario broken circle strikes.

To illustrate this list of Bruce County broken circles we take the opportunity to share with you a number of advertisements that local postmasters placed in the 1867 *County of Bruce Directory*, published by J. W. Rooklidge, and printed in Montreal by John Lovell. The original directory was reprinted in 1972 by the Bruce Branch, Ontario Genealogical Society. Judging by these advertisements we note that the postmasters in Bruce County were a most industrious and entrepreneurial group of citizens that served their communities well. Not only could these


postmasters serve your postal needs, but indeed they were able to sell you boots, crockery, dry goods, clothing,

groceries, hardware, insurance – and if you needed to get married, then the Paisley postmaster would issue the licence, but beware of the postmaster over in Riversdale. He was the county constable who

JAMES H. CUYLER,
Bailiff of 12th Division Court H. and B.,
AND COUNTY CONSTABLE,
RIVERSDALE POST OFFICE,
County Bruce, C.W.

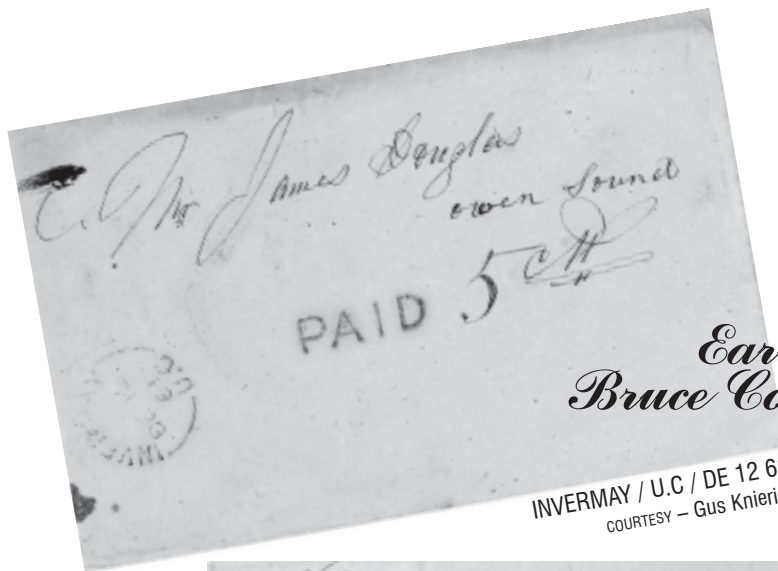
JOHN TOBEY,
POSTMASTER,
DEALER IN
FANCY & STAPLE DRY GOODS,
GROCERIES, CROCKERY,
HARDWARE, BOOTS AND SHOES,
TARA, CO. BRUCE.

THOMAS LEE,
POSTMASTER,
SAUGREEN,
FORWARDER AND COMMISSION MERCHANT,
ISSUER OF MARRIAGE LICENCES,
AGENT FOR WESTERN ASSURANCE COMPANY,
AND NIAGARA DISTRICT MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.



JOHN H. COULTHARD,
UNDERWOOD,
POSTMASTER,
DEALER IN STAPLE AND FANCY
DRY GOODS, GROCERIES, CROCKERY,
HARDWARE,
READY-MADE CLOTHING, BOOTS & SHOES.
Manufacturer of Pearl Ash, &c.

did double-duty as bailiff of the 12th Division Court. These were the days when our pioneer forefathers required many skills to eke out a living and support a family.

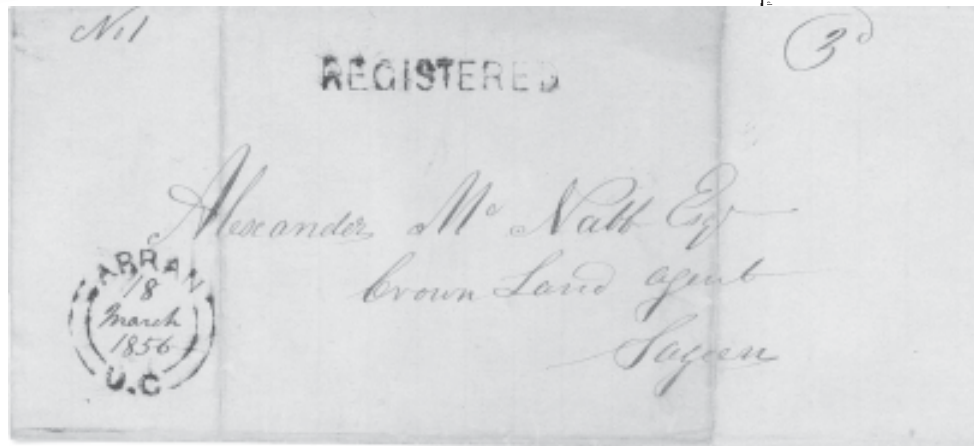


Early Bruce County covers

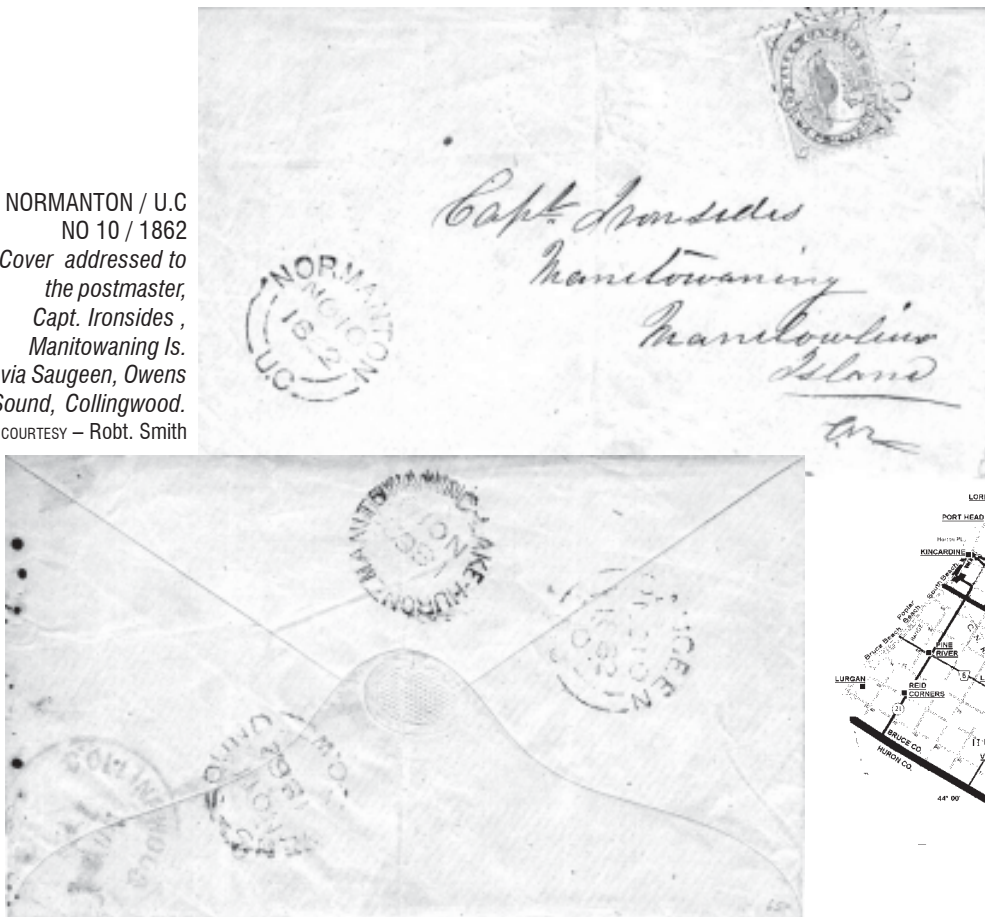
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COURTESY – Gus Knierim



ARRAN / U.C
18 / March / 1856
COURTESY – G. Knierim



NORMANTON / U.C
NO 10 / 1862
Cover addressed to
the postmaster,
Capt. Ironsides,
Manitowaning Is.,
via Saugeen, Owens
Sound, Collingwood.
COURTESY – Robt. Smith



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ABERDOUR / ONT		A1	?				1875	1914
ABERDOUR / ONT		A1	21	AU 11 / 1911	JAN 6 / 1913	arcs 6.0 mm		
ADAMSVILLE / ONT (#2)	NO 2 / 1888	A1	20	OC 8 / 1895	MR 15 / 1909	arcs 5.5, 6.0	1888	1915
ADAMSVILLE / ONT	JUN 30 / 1909	A1	20			arcs 6.0, 5.0		
ALLENFORD / ONT		A1x?					1868	open
ALLENFORD / ONT		A1	20.5	OC 8 / 71	DE 11 / 1876	arcs 9.0, 8.5		
ALLENFORD / ONT	AP 6 / 1879	A1	22			arcs 7.0 mm		
ALLENFORD / ONT.		A1	20.5	JA 21 / 1892	JU 1 / 1898	arcs 8.5	1886	1905
ALLENFORD / ONT		A1	20	MY 17 / 1907	SP 20 / 1916	arcs 5.5		
AMBLESIDE / ONT		A1x?					1869	1885
AMBLESIDE / ONT	JA 9 / 1890	A1	20			arcs 7.0 mm		
ARKWRIGHT U.C		B2x	20	31 May / 58	1861c	known blank	1857	1915
ARKWRIGHT C.W		A2	20.5	1868c	MR 24 / 1869	arcs 6.0 mm		
ARKWRIGHT / ONT		A1	21	JU 17 / 1878		arcs 10.0, 8.5		
ARKWRIGHT / ONT		A1	21	JU 12 / 1896	DE 16 / 1909	arcs 9.5, 10.0		
ARKWRIGHT / ONT	JAN 9 / 1909	A1	20	NO 11 / 1908	JU 27 / 1911	arcs 6.5, 7.5		
ARMOW							1869	1968
ARMOW / ONT	JA 27 / 1874	A1	20	MY 28 / 1878		arcs 10.0 mm		
ARMOW / ONT.		A1	21	AU 3 / 1895		arcs 10.5, 11.0		
ARMOW / ONT.		A1	22	MR 23 / 1903	MR 13 / 46	arcs 7.5, 7.0		
ARRAN / U.C		B2x	25	Apr 20 / 54	18 March 1856		1853	1859
ARRAN / U.C		A2	20	JU 17 / 1858	JY 14 / 59			
BADENOCH / ONT.	SP 27 / 1889	A1	20			arcs 4.0, 5.0	1889	1902
BARROW- BAY / ONT	AP 2 / 1890	A1	21	AU 8 / 1894	AP 17 / 1969	arcs 5.5, 6.5	1890	1969
BERVIE / U.C		B2x	25	Oct 19 / 54	Jan / 23 / 1862		1853	1969
BERVIE C.W (Berri)	DE 7 / 1866	A2	20	1867c				
BERVIE / ONT		A1	20.5	SP 7 / 1885				
BERVIE / ONT. (wide letters)	JY 6 / 1894	A1	20.5	OCT 9 / 1895	NO 8 1915	arcs 8.0, 7.5		
BERVIE / ONT	AP 15 / 1917	A1	20	AP 29 / 1922	FE 16 / 1935	arcs 9.5, 12.0		
BRADLEY (#1)		A1	?				1884	1914
BRADLEY / ONT		A1	21.5	MY 13 / 1910	MR 13 / 1912	arcs 8.0 mm		
Brant		ms		31st May / 1853	Oct 29 / 1853		1852	1857
BRANT / U.C		B2x	25	12 Jany / 1854	12 May / 1856			
BRANT / C.W		cds	34	A / JA 14 / 57	D / AUG / 17 / 1857	A & D known		
BRINKMAN'S- CORNERS / ONT.		A1	20	MR 29 / 1899	DE 8 / 1936	arcs 3.0, 2.0	1899	1946
BRUCE / U.C		B2x	25	Jan / 31st / 1855	Nov 10 1857		1853	1860
BURGOYNE C.W (Berri)	NO 17 / 1865	A2	20				1865	1913
BURGOYNE / ONT		A1	21?		MY 1 / 1880	arcs 5.5		
BURGOYNE / ONT.	OC 9 / 1882	A1	21	NO 10 / 1891	AP 11 / 1911	arcs 7.0, 6.0		
CAPE- CHIN / ONT.	AU 5 / 1883	A1	20.5	NO 23 / 1892	JUN 15 / 1940	arcs 5.0, 4.0	1883	1946
CAPE CROKER / ONT ?		A1	21		FE 21 / 1919	arcs 7.0, 5.0	1873	1931
CAPE CROKER / ONT.	JUL 25 / 1926	A1	21	MY 13 / 1931	AU 3 / 1931	arcs 7.5, 6.5		
CARGILL / ONT.	MR 2 / 1880	A1	21.5	FE 3 / 1883	NO 9 / 1901	arcs 9.0, 9.5	1880	open
CARGILL / ONT (G differs)		A1	20.5	SP 22 / 1908	OC 21 / 1926	arcs 8.5 mm		
CARLSRUHE							1864	1970
CARLSRUHE / ONT (Berri)	DE 20 / 1867	A1x	21	1872c	1875c			
CARLSRUHE / ONT	FE 16 / 1880	A1	21		AU 6 / 1897	arcs 7.5, 8.0		
CARLSRUHE / ONT.	OC 3 / 1892	A1	20???	NO 7 / 1901		arcs 3.5 mm		
CARLSRUHE / ONT	JUL 9 / 1910	A1	20	AU 23 / 1910	FE 27 / 1969	arcs 5.5 mm		
CARNEGIE							1863	1879
CHEPSTOW C.W (Berri)	AP 15 / 1865	A2x	20				1865	open
CHEPSTOW / ONT	AP 9 / 1877	A1	21.5	FE 17 / 1881		arcs 8.0, ?		
CHEPSTOW / ONT.	JY 15 / 1893	A1	20.5	AU 19 / 1908	AU 1 / 1947	arcs 7.5, 6.0		
CHESLEY / ONT		A1x	20	1869c	SP 22 / 18(8)2		1868	open
CHESLEY / ONT		A1	20	NO 13 / 1875	MR 31 / 1887	arcs 7.0 / 6.5		
CHESLEY / ONT	JY 9 / 1910	A1	19.5			arcs 5.0 mm		
CHEVIOT / ONT		A1x?					1870	1897
CHEVIOT / ONT.	JU 9 / 1886	A1	20			arcs 6.5 mm		

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CHIPPAWA- HILL / ONT	MY 16 / 1878	A1	21 ?	SP 22 / 1891	AP 18 / 1911	arcs 3.0, 4.0	1878	1986
CHIPPAWA HILL / ONT (O oval)	MY 20 / 1912	A1	19.5	NO 23 / 1912	JU 27 / 1933	arcs 2.5, 2.0		
CLOVER- VALLEY / ONT.		A1	20.5	AP 10 / 1900	JAN 23 / 1913	arcs 3.5, 3.0	1900	1915
CLUNY / ONT.	AU 16 / 1907	A1	20	DEC 31 / 1909		arcs 9.0, 8.5	1907	1913
Colpoys Bay		ms		1863 08 31				
COLPOYS-BAY / C.W		A2x	21	Ja 16 / 66		arcs 6.0, 7.0	1863	1917
COLPOYS- BAY / ONT.	SP 29 / 1880	A1	21	9 SP 84		arcs 3.0 mm		
COLPOYS- BAY / ONT.		A1	20.5	JA 31 1892	MY 2 / 1899	arcs 8.0, 7.0		
COLPOY'S BAY / ONT. (O is oval)		A1	21	MR 28 / 1903	JUL 5 / 1909	arcs 7.5 mm		
COLPOY'S BAY / ONT.	MR 13 / 1916	A1	20			arcs 6.5 mm		
DEEMERTON / ONT.	JA 26 / 1881	A1	21	JY 23 / 1881	SP 13 / 1923	arcs 5.0, 4.5	1880	1927
DINGWALL / ONT		A1	21	FE 22 / 1875	MR 15 / 1880	arcs 8.0, 10.0	1874	1880
DOBBINTON							1868	open
DOBBINTON / ONT	FE 12 / 1879	A1	22		MR 30 1898	arcs 5.5 mm		
DOBBINTON / ONT.		A1	20	JA 11 / 1898	MY 16 1948	arcs 5.0 mm		
DUNBLANE / ?		B2x	25	Feb 5 / [1873]	March / 17 1873		1856	1921
DUMBLANE / ONT.	DE 6 / 1883	A1	22	OC 5 / 1895		arcs 5.0, 4.0		
DUMBLANE / ONT.		A1	21	3 SP / 1909	AP 19 1912	arcs 8.0, 7.0		
DUNKELD							1856	1914
DUNKELD / C.W (Berri)	AP 13 / 1865	A2	21	FE 9 / 66		arcs 8.5, 8.0		
DUNKELD- ONT- CANADA	JY 12 / 1879	A4	?					
DUNKELD / ONT.		A1	20	MR 4 / 1901		arcs 5.5, 5.0		
DUNSINANE							1868	1871
DYERS- BAY / ONT.	JA 2 / 1882	A1	24.5	NO 21 / 1895	FE 2 / 1899	arcs 8.0, 7.0	1881	closed
DYER'S- BAY / ONT. (w. apostrophe)		A1	20.5	DE 21 / 1909		arcs 7.5, 6.0		
DYER S- BAY / ONT. (apostrophe removed)		A1	20.5		JAN 5 / 1915	JY 11 / 1969	arcs 7.5, 6.0	
EBLANA							1862	1863
EDEN GROVE							1875	1969
EDEN GROVE / ONT.		A1	20	NO 4 / 1895	JUN 29 / 1908	arcs 4.5, 3.0		
EDEN GROVE / ONT.	OC 6 / 1908	A1	19	JAN 9 / 1909	MY 27 / 1929	arcs 5.5, 6.0		
EDEN GROVE / ONT.	JUN 23 / 1929	A1	21	FEB 10 / 1933	SP 23 / 1968	arcs 7.0, 6.0		
ELLENGOWAN / U.C		A2	19.5	AU 25 / 1873			1858	1910
ELLENGOWEN / ONT	MY 2 / 1878	A1	21.5			arcs 6.5, 5.0		
ELLENGOWEN / ONT.		A1	20	MR 18 / 1909		arcs 4.5, 5.0		
ELMWOOD							1864	open
ELMWOOD / ONT		A1x	20	Fe 28 1880		arcs 6.5 mm		
ELMWOOD / ONT		A1	21.5	MR 1 / 1892	NO 9 / 1892	arcs 7.0 mm		
ELMWOOD / ONT.	JA 12 / 1894	A1	21	MR 19 / 1896	JA 30 / 1923	arcs 6.0 mm		
ELSINORE							1863	1915
ELSINORE / C.W (Berri)	DE 7 / 1866	A2x	21	Sep 27 / 71		arcs 9.0, 10.0		
ELSINORE- ONT.- CANADA	OC 9 / 1879	A4	22					
ELSINORE / ONT.	MR 10 / 1893	A1	20	MY 6 / 1893	MR 31 / 1914	arcs 4.0 mm		
ESKDALE / ONT.		A1	22	JA 14 / 1893	JA 30 / 1897	arcs 8.5 mm	1875	1912
FORMOSA / C.W		A2	21	AP 21 / 1865	MR 13 / 1878	arcs ?	1861	open
FORMOSA- ONT.- CANADA	AU 20 / 1879	A4	23	JY 20 / 1880	MR 2 / 1896	arcs 2.0, 1.5		
FORMOSA / ONT.	MY 16 / 1908	A1	19	MR 25 / 1910	? / 1948	arcs 6.5 mm		
FRENCH- BAY / ONT. (#1)	DE 2 / 1881	A1	23.5	AP 12 / 1904		arcs 8.0, 7.0	1881	1918
FYFIELD / ONT.		A1	22	MR 30 / 1892	AP 7 / 1900	arcs 8.0, 8.5	1884	1900
GILLIES HILL / ONT.		A1	20	FE 9 / 1880	JA 7 / 1909	arcs 8.0, 6.0	1874	1909
GLAMMIS / C.W (Berri)	OC 5 / 1860	A2x	20	Nov 13 / 1871	? / 1873		1860	1969
GLAMMIS / ONT.		A1	19.5	MY 17 / 1904	AP 6 / 1921	arcs 8.5, 8.0		
GLAMMIS / ONT. (wide lettering)	FE 9 / 1929	A1	21	JU 15 / 1929	AU 2 / 1949	arcs 9.0, 8.5		
GLENLYON / U.C		B2x	25	1857 blank	April 28 / 66		1856	1872
GREENOCK / U.C		B2x	25	1854c	1857c		1852	1969
GREENOCK / U.C		B2	22	JU 1 / 1858	AU 3 / 1869			
GREENOCK / U.C		A2	22	1869c		or is it a B2		

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GREENOCK / ONT.	JU 18 / 1880	A1	22.5	OC 5 / 1895		arcs 8.0, 7.0		
GREENOCK / ONT.		A1	20.5	NO 3 / 1905 ?	FE 14 / 1945	arcs 4.0, 3.5		
GREIG / ONT.	JU 5 / 1880	A1	22			arcs 12.0, 13.5	1880	1886
GRESHAM							1861	1915
GRESHAM / ONT	JU 6 / 1877	A1	21	MR 28 / 1896	JY 10 / 1912	arcs 9.5 mm		
HEPWORTH / C.W (Berri)	NO 17 / 1865	A2	20				1866	open
HEPWORTH / ONT	MR 20 / 1890	A1	21	SP 21 / 1892	NO 7 / 1898	arcs 10.0 mm		
HEPWORTH / ONT. (O's oval)		A1	21	AP 29 / 1903	FE 7 / 1952	arcs 8.5, 8.0		
HEPWORTH- STATION / ONT.	AP 12 / 1888	A1	20	MY 11 / 1892	SP 29 / 1902	arcs 3.0, 3.5	1888	1903
HOLYROOD / U.C		B2x	25	May 8 / 1858	June / 63		1856	open
HOLYROOD / ONT		A1	21	MY 7 / 1874	JU 7 / 1912	arcs 9.5, 10.5		
HOLYROOD / ONT.	OC 9 / 1919	A1	19.5	AP 19 / 1932	MR 2 / 1946	arcs 11.0, 10.5		
HOPE- BAY ONT (#1)	JY 26 / 1878	A1	22			arcs 8.0 mm	1878	1881
HOPE- BAY / ONT (#2)		A1	22	MR 21 / 1892		arcs 8.0 mm	1881	1954
HOPE BAY / ONT (#2)		A1	21	DE ? / 1893	DE 18 / 1944	arcs 8.0 mm	1881	1954
HOPE-NESS / ONT.	AU 20 / 1881	A1	21			arcs 7.5, 7.0	1881	1889
HOWDENVALE / ONT.	JUL 16 / 1913	A1	19.5	SP 2 / 1926	JUN 15 / 1955	arcs 6.0, 6.5	1913	1969
INVERHURON / U.C		B2x	25	1856c	1857c		1854	1911
INVERHURON / C.W (Berri)	OC 5 / 1860	A2	20	1869c	1875c			
INVERHURON / ONT	OC 11 / 1878	A1	21	SP 3 / 1903	AU 17 / 1909	arcs 6.0 mm		
INVERHURON / ONT	JUN 29 / 1910	A1	19			arcs 3.5, 4.0		
INVERHURON / ONT.	JUL 15 / 1931	A1	21.5	AU 5 / 1931	AU 6 / 1951	arcs 11.0, 10.0	1931	open
Invermay		ms		May 18 / 59			1859	1912
INVERMAY / U.C		A2	21	DE 12 / 1861	MR 10 / 1866	arcs 11.5, 11.0		
INVERMAY / C.W (Berri)	NO 22 / 1865	A2	21	MR 10 / 1866				
INVERMAY / ONT	NO 27 / 1876	A1	21.5		JU 11 / 1880	arcs 12.0, 11.0		
INVERMAY / ONT.	DE 2 / 1880	A1	21	MY 12 / 1884	JU 25 / 1889	arcs 9.0, 8.0		
INVERMAY / ONT	JUN 29 / 1910	A1	20			arcs 6.0, 6.5		
KENNOWAY							1880	1880
KINCARDINE / C.W		B2x	25	May 31 / 52	28 Jun 1854		1851	open
KINCARDINE / U.C		B2	24	OC 9 / 1854	FE 29 / 1876			
KINCARDINE / C.W		B2	25	1854c	1875c			
KINCARDINE / ONT	AP 8 / 1876	A1	20.5	JU 13 / 1876	OC 4 / 1886	arcs 5.5, 6.0		
KINCARDINE / ONT.		A1	21	NO 21 / 1901	AU 15 / 1904	arcs ?, 6.0		
KINGARF / ONT.	JY 9 / 1886	A1	20.5	FE 12 / 1892	MY 11 / 1909	arcs 7.0 mm	1886	1916
KINGARF / ONT. (small letters)	JUL 16 / 1910	A1	19			arcs 9.0 mm		
Kinloss		ms		Feb 1 55			1854	1926
KINLOSS / U.C		B2x	25	July 22 / 57	May 20 / 58			
KINLOSS C.W (Berri)	MY 8 / 1860	A2	20	MR 8 / 1861	1870c	arcs 12.0, 11.5		
KINLOSS / ONT		A1	20	FE 6 / 1873	JA 1 / 1878	arcs 10.5, ?		
KINLOSS / ONT.	MR 20 / 1890	A1	20.5	MR 24 / 1892		arcs 4.0 mm		
KINLOSS / ONT. (ONT small)	AU 24 / 1894	A1	20.5	NO 5 / 1897	MY 16 / 1911	arcs 6.0, 6.5		
KINLOUGH C.W		A2	21	MY 30 / 1864	SP 16 / 1865		1863	1915
KINLOUGH / ONT (Berri)	OC 4 / 1867	A1	?			arcs ?		
KINLOUGH / ONT		A1	21	AU 21 / 1897	SP 31 / 1913	arcs 5.0, 5.5		
LANGSIDE / U.C		B2x	21	Sep 12 / 63	18 Oct / 73		1857	1915
LANGSIDE / ONT.	JA 5 / 1883	A1	21	MR 22 / 1892	MR 12 / 1912	arcs 6.5, 6.0		
LIONS- HEAD / ONT		A1	20.5	JY 21 / 1879	JY 26 / 1880	arcs 4.0, 3.0	1875	open
LION'S-HEAD / ONT.		A1	21	NO 5 / 1885	AU 2 / 1887	arcs 3.5 mm		
LION'S-HEAD / ONT.	AP 2 / 1894	A1	20.5	AP 18 / 1894	NO 1 / 1905	arcs 3.5 mm		
LION'S HEAD / ONT. (O's oval)		A1	20	NO 22 / 1905	NO 28 / 1956	arcs 5.5, 5.0		
LISBURN							1862	1914
LISBURN / ONT.		A1	21	MR 16 / 1892	MY 18 / 1899	arcs 8.5, 9.0		
LORNE							1871	1928
LORNE / ONT		A1	21	MR 24 / 1911	OC 20 / 1916	arcs 10.5, 11.0		
LORNE / ONT.		A1	19.5	JY 28 / 1924		arcs 9.0, 9.5		
LOVAT / C.W (Berri)	SP 30 / 1864	A2x	20	Apr. 17 / 1875			1864	1913

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LOVAT / ONT.	MR 19 / 1881	A1	21	MR 26 / (1892)	AP 4 / 1904	arcs 12.5, 11.5		
LUCKNOW / C.W (Berri)	OC 5 / 1860	A2x	20	July / 4 65			1860	open
LUCKNOW / C.W (Berri)	AP 13 / 1865	A2	21	JA 15 / 1867	MR 9 / 1870			
LUCKNOW / ONT		A1	20	AP 23 / 74		arcs 6.6, 7.0		
LUCKNOW / ONT (small letters)	DE 3 / 1877	A1	21	AP 15 / 1878	NO 20 / 1878	arcs 11.0, 10.0		
LUCKNOW / ONT.	DE 20 / 1880	A1	21.5			arcs 8.5 mm		
LUCKNOW / ONT	AU 13 / 1881	A1	21.5	MY 1 / 1885		arcs 12.0, 10.5		
LURGAN / C.W (Berri)	OC 5 / 1860	A2	20	AP 16 / 1861	MY 19 / 1874		1860	1915
LURGAN / ONT.	JU 9 / 1886	A1	20	JY 12 / 1888	AP 24 1913	arcs 5.5, 6.5		
MALCOLM / ONT		A1x	21	Aug 7 / 73	Jan 30 / 77	arcs 11.0, 10.0	1869	1913
MALCOLM / ONT	MY 2 / 1877	A1	20.5	MY 4 / 1881		arcs 8.0, 7.5		
MALCOLM / ONT.	JU 18 / 1892	A1	19.5	MY 12 / 1909	DE 23 / 1913	arcs 5.0, 4.5		
MALTA / U.C (#1)		B2x	25	April 29 / 59			1856	1866
MALTA / C.W		A2x	20	August / 18/66		arcs 12.5, ?		
MAPLE HILL / C.W (Berri)	OC 17 / 1866	A2	20				1866	1923
MAPLE· HILL / ONT	AU 20 / 1878	A1	21	JA 12 / 1892	AP 9 / 1912	arcs 5.5 mm		
Mar								
MAR / ONT.		A1		MR 8 / 1894			1870	open
MAR / ONT.	NO 30 / 1909	A1	19	DE 16 / 1909	MR 13 / 1944	arcs 11.5 mm		
McIVER / ONT.	SP 20 / 1878	A1	21	15 AU / ?	AU 26 / 1907	arcs 10.5, 8.0	1878	1915
Mc· IVER		A1	20	MR 7 / 1910		arcs 8.0 mm		
McVICAR / ONT.	JU 24 / 1893	A1	21	OC 6 / 1896	AP 11 / 1911	arcs 5.5, 6.0	1893	1918
MICKLE / ONT.	MY 9 / 1908	A1	19	FE 10 / 1909		arcs 7.0, 6.0	1908	1913
MILDMAY / C.W		A2	20				1867	open
MILDMAY / ONT		A1	21	FE 7 / 1876	NO 17 / 1885	arcs ?, 7.5		
MILDMAY / ONT.	FE 15 / 1890	A1	21			arcs 10.0, 8.0		
MILLARTON / ONT.	AU 20 / 1881	A1	21.5	NO 5 / 1888	MR 28 / 1898	arcs 7.5, 6.5	1881	1915
MILLARTON / ONT.	JUL 20 / 1908	A1	19	AP 19 / 1911		arcs 5.5 mm		
MILLER· LAKE / ONT.	JA 16 / 1889	A1	20	MR 21 / 1892	MR 18 / 1898	arcs 3.5 mm	1888	open
MILLER· LAKE / ONT.		A1	20	JUN 13 / 1931	AUG 24 / 1960	arcs 6.0 mm		
MOLTKE / ONT.	AP 5 / 1881	A1	22	OC 8 1895	MY 20 / 1909	arcs 10.5 mm	1881	1914
MOUNT HOPE / ONT. (#2)		A1	21	AP 3 / 1892			1884	1912
NARVA / ONT.	MY 26 / 1894	A1	21	OC 5 / 1896	AU 11 / 1911	arcs 9.0, 8.5	1894	1916
NORMANTON / U.C		B2	25	MR 1 / 1860	JY 14 / 1873		1854	1874
NORTH-BRUCE / C.W (#1) (Berri)	SP 30 / 1864	A2	20	1867c	MY 1 / 1883		1864	1931
NORTHBRUCE / ONT. (1 word)	SP 2 / 1883	A1	21	FE 23 / 1885	MY 21 / 1885	arcs 4.0, 3.0		
NORTH· BRUCE / ONT.	FE 2 / 1889	A1	20	JY 24 / 1895	AU 20 / 1906	arcs 4.0 mm		
NORTH BRUCE / ONT		A1	20	FE 22 / 1910	AU 1 / 1930	arcs 6.0, 5.0		
OLIPHANT / ONT		A1	21.5	MR 28 / 1892		arcs 11.5, 10.5	1875	closed
OLIPHANT / ONT	AU 25 / 1911	A1	19	OC 27 / 1911	AU 8 / 1947	arcs 9.0, 7.5		
OTTER CREEK (#1)							1869	1873
OUTRAM / CW (Berri)	SP 30 / 1864	A2(x)	20	March 7 / 1874		arcs 7.0, ?	1864	1877
PAISLEY U.C		B2x	25	Jan 9 / 1857	May 20 / 57		1856	open
PAISLEY U.C		B2	22	MY 20 / 1858	MR 2 / 1866			
PAISLEY / ONT.		A1	20.5	AP 28 / 1870	JA 29 / 1888	arcs 12.0, 11.0		
PAISLEY / ONT	AP 2 / 1878	A1	21	NO 18 / 1880	AU 4 / 1883	arcs 12.0 mm		
PAISLEY / ONT. (wide letters)	MR 14 / 1894	A1	20.5	MY 15 / 95	SP 25 / 1908 (80)	arcs 7.5, 5.5		
PAISLEY / ONT	OC 19 / 1908	A1	19	AU 22 / 1910	DE 18 / 1922	arcs 9.5 mm		
PARK-HEAD / C.W (Berri)	JY 12 / 1866	A2x	21				1866	1968
PARK· HEAD / ONT	FE 6 / 1878	A1	21	MR 19 / 1892	FE ? / 1939	arcs 8.0 mm		
PEARL LAKE / ONT.	AU 16 / 1907	A1	19	JAN 6 / 1910		arcsc 6.0, 5.0	1907	1913
PIKE· BAY / ONT	FE 6 / 1878	A1	21.5	SP 7 / 1889	MR 22 / 1892	arcs 10.5, 9.5	1878	closed
PIKE BAY / ONT		A1	20.5	AP 24 / 1903	JUL 25 / 1974	arcs 9.0 mm		
PINE-RIVER / U.C (#1)		B2x	25	Nov 4 / 1854	26 April 1856		1853	1914
PINE-RIVER / U.C		B2	22	MY 18 / 1858	JA 14 / 1875			
PINE RIVER / ONT.		A1	21	DE 21 / 1897	AU 23 / 1909	arcs 6.0 mm		

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PINKERTON / C.W. (Berri)	OC 5 / 1860	A2x	20				1860	1969
PINKERTON / ONT.		A1	21	MR 6 / 1872	JY 20 / 1891	arcs ?		
PINKERTON / ONT.	AU 2 / 1894	A1	20.5	SP 6 / 1897	FE 11 / 1935	arcs 4.5 mm		
PORTAL / ONT.	MY 26 / 1894	A1	21	OC 5 / 1895	OC 4 / 1909	arcs 7.0 mm	1894	1914
PORT ELGIN		A1	20	SP16 / 1875	NO 16 / 1876	arcs 6.5, 6.0	1874	open
PORT ELGIN / ONT.	DE 18 / 1878	A1	21	FE 25 / 1879	AP 21 / 1883	arcs 5.0 mm		
PORT ELGIN / ONT.		A1	20	DE 8 / 1898	JA 3 / 1906	arcs 3.0 mm		
PORT ELGIN / ONT.	SP 26 / 1910	A1	18.5	AU 5 / 1930	AU 10 / 1931	arcs 7.0 mm		
PORT HEAD / U.C. (Berri)	JY 6 / 1857	B2x	25				1857	1860
PURPLE GROVE / ONT.	JU 6 / 1876	A1	20	OC 27 / 1877	MR 20 / 1898	arcs 6.0 mm	1876	1915
PURPLE VALLEY / ONT.		A1	21	MR 19 / 1892	MR 24 / 1913	arcs 2.0 mm	1884	1916
QUEEN-HILL / ONT.	AU 29 / 1877	A1	21	NO 2 / 1877	JY 27 / 1908	arcs 6.0 mm	1877	1915
RAVELSTON / ONT.		A1	21	AU 4 / 1890 n		arcs ?	1888	1891
RED-BAY / ONT.	JU 2 / 1881	A1	21	AP 4 / 1889	AU 21 / 1934	arcs 11.0, 9.0	1881	1969
REEKIE / U.C.		B2x	20	May 26 / 60			1857	1868
REID CORNERS / ONT.	JUN 6 / 1910	A1	20			arcs 5.5, 4.5	1910	1914
RIPLEY / U.C.		B2x	20	22 April / 62	Oct / 3 / 74		1874	open
RIPLEY / ONT.)	MY 6 / 1880	A1	22.5	NO 13 / 1880	NO 12 / 1888	arcs 9.0, 9.5		
RIPLEY / ONT.)		A1	22		MR 13 / 1890	arcs 10.0, 11.0		
RIPLEY / ONT.	OC 22 / 1890	A1	22			arcs 10.0, 9.5		
RIPLEY / ONT.	AU 6 / 1894	A1	20			arcs 7.5, 6.5		
Riversdale		ms		Oct 12 1854			1854	1915
RIVERSDALE / U.C.		B2x	25	1855c	1872c	1855c		
RIVERSDALE / U.C.		B2	25	AU 16 / 1858	SP 17 / 1868			
RIVERSDALE / ONT.		A1x	20	1870c				
RIVERSDALE / ONT.		A1	21	AP 29 / 1872	MR 19 / 1892	arcs 10.0, 8.0		
RIVERSDALE / ONT.		A1	20.5	DE 10 / 1894	AP 18 / 1912	arcs 4.0 mm		
ROYAL OAK / ONT.	MY 2 / 1891	A1	20	MR 21 / 1892	AP 9 / 1900	arcs 3.0 mm	1891	1914
SABLE RIVER / ONT.		A1	?	DE 18 / 1876		arcs ?	1875	1881
SABLE RIVER / ONT.	DE 2 / 1880	A1	21			arcs 5.0 mm		
SADLER CORNERS / ONT.	JUN 21 / 1916	A1	20			arcs 11.5, 9.5	1916	1917
SALISBURY / ONT.	AU 9 / 1890	A1	22			arcs 4.0 mm	1891	1910
SALISBURY / ONT.	MY 21 / 1891	A1	21	MR 21 / 1892	MR 30 / 1904	arcs 3.0 mm		
SAUBLE FALLS / ONT.	JA 2 / 1882	A1	23.5			arcs 5.0, 4.0	1881	1916
SAUBLE-FALLS / ONT.	JU 9 / 1892	A1	20.5	AU 27 / 1897	AU 19 / 1913	arcs 4.0, 4.5		
SAUGEEN / C.W.		B2x	25	Apr 26 / 52	1861c		1851	1890
SAUGEEN / U.C.		B2	25	SP 27 / 1854	AU 20 / 1858	— (dash) basal mark		
SAUGEEN / U.C.		B2	25	MY 6 / 1857 / O	NO 12 / 1872 / O	basal mark: B, O		
SAUGEEN / U.C.		B2	25	JY 10 / 1875	blank			
SAUGEEN / ONT.	JA 2 / 1877	A1	21	JU 9 / 1877	JU 16 / 1885	arcs 8.5 mm		
SCONE / U.C.		B2	25	1858c			1857	1891
SCONE / U.C.		A2x	20	Feb. 1 1865		arcs 9.5 mm		
SCONE / ONT.	JU 2 / 1883	A1	21	NO 14 / 1884		arcs 9.5 mm		
SKIPNESS							1868	1914
SKIPNESS / ONT.		A1	19.5	AP 6 / 1886	AP 8 / 1908	arcs 3.5, 4.0		
SLADE / ONT.	JUL 6 / 1909	A1	19.5			arcs 7.0, 6.5	1909	1915
SOLWAY / ONT.	NO 6 / 1877	A1	21	MR 21 / 1892	JY 29 / 1910	arcs 10.5 mm	1877	1913
SOUTHAMPTON / ONT.	JU 9 1883	A1	21.5			arcs ?, 1.5	1890	open
SPRY / ONT.	FE 6 / 1878	A1	22			arcs 14.0 mm	1878	1916
SPRY / ONT.	AU 20 / 1889	A1	20	MR 19 / 1892	AP 21 / 1914	arcs 9.0, 8.0		
STOKES-BAY / ONT.	OC / 1878	A1	22			arcs 6.5, 5.5	1878	open
STOKES BAY / ONT.	JA 9 / 1891	A1	21	MY 21 / 1892	MR 15 / 1910	arcs 3.5, 3.0		
STOKES BAY / ONT.		A1	18.5	MR 21 / 1918		arcs ?, 3.0		
STOKES BAY / ONT.	JUN 26 / 1919	A1	19.5	MY 17 / 1929	DE 2 / 1936	arcs 6.0, 6.5		
TARA / C.W. (#2)		A2	20.5	DE 28 / 1868	MR 21 / 1885	arcs 12.5 mm	1863	open
TARA / ONT.	DE 9 / 1886	A1	20	SP 2 / 1889	MR 2 / 1893	arcs 9.5 mm		
TEESWATER / U.C.		B2	25	JU 9 / 1860	DE 22 / 1873		1856	open

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TEESWATER / C.W		A2	20		1875c			
TEESWATER / ONT		A1	20	AP 6 / 1874	OC 23 / 1882	arcs 4.5, 4.0		
TIVERTON / C.W (Berri)	OC 5 / 1860	A2x	20	<i>Sept 9 / 63</i>			1860	open
TIVERTON / C.W (Berri)	NO 7 / 1865	A2	20.5	JU 15 / 1867	MR 5 / 1878			
TIVERTON / ONT	MR 3 / 1879	A1	21.5	AP 8 / 1885	FE 15 / 1893	arcs 8.5, 7.5		
TIVERTON / ONT.	JY 16 / 1894	A1	20	JY 23 / 1897	OC 14 / 1914	arcs 5.5, 4.0		
TOBERMORY / ONT.	OC 6 / 1881	A1	21.5	6 / 30 / 1888	MY 5 / 1899	arcs 8.0, 6.0	1881	open
TOBERMORY / ONT.		A1	20.5	14 FE / 1902	AU 15 / 1944	arcs 6.5, 6.0		
TOLMIE / ONT.	AU 3 / 1910	A1	20	OC 7 / 1910	AU 16 / 1911	arcs ?	1910	1911
TURNERS / ONT.	SP 16 / 1931	A1	22	SP 1 / 1932	AP 29 / 1943	arcs 13.0, 14.5	1931	1961
ULSTER / C.W (Berri)	SP 30 / 1864	A2x	20	<i>April 27 / 75</i>	<i>7 / 11 / 79</i>		1865	1881
UNDERWOOD / U.C (#1)		A2x	21	<i>May / 17 / 65</i>		arcs 7	1863	1918
UNDERWOOD / ONT		A1	21	AU 11 / 1873	AP 19 / 1883	arcs ?, 6.0		
UNDERWOOD / ONT		A1	20	JUL 8(?) / 1903	MR 28 / 1907	arcs 7.5 mm		
UNDERWOOD / ONT. (wider letters)		A1	20	DE 17 / 1907	FE 24 / 1909	arcs 4.0 mm		
UNDERWOOD / ONT.	NO 30 / 1909	A1	19.5	MY 3 / 1911	AP 17 / 1915	arcs 6.0, 6.5		
UNDERWOOD / ONT (#2)	MR 19 / 1931	A1	20.5	JY 30 / 1932	SP 6 / 1949	arcs 9.0, 8.0	1931	1969
VERDUN / C.W		A2	?	MR 2 / 1869		red	1864	1915
VERDUN / ONT		A1	20.5		MR 21 / 1892	arcs 11.0 mm		
VERDUN / ONT.	JY 15 / 1893	A1	20	AU 26 / 1898	SP 22 / 1911	arcs 7.0, 8.0		
VESTA / C.W (Berri)	JY 27 / 1860	A2x	20				1860	1913
VESTA / ONT	JU 6 / 1877	A1	21.5	AP 27 / 1899	FE 23 / 1901	arcs 13.0, 12.0		
VESTA / ONT.		A1	20	SP 5 / 1907		arcs 9.5, 8.5		
WALKERTON / U.C (Berri)	JY 6 / 1857	B2	25	JA 24 / 1859	FE 23 / 1876		1857	open
WALKERTON / ONT		A1	22.5	OC 17 / 1876	JY 3 / 1880	arcs 9.0 mm		
WALKERTON / ONT.		A1	20.5	AP 27 / 1899		arcs 5.0, 4.5		
WALKERTON / ONT.	JUL 16 / 1908	A1	19	AP 1 / 1927		arcs 7.0, 4.0		
WEST-ARRAN / U.C		B2x	25	<i>Dec 15 1854</i>	<i>20 / Nov. / 55</i>		1853	1875
WEST-ARRAN / U.C		A2	20	NO 20 / 1858	1859c	arcs 6, 7		
WESTFORD / ONT.		A1	20	MR 22 / 1892	JA 3 / 1908	arcs 4.5, 6.0	1885	1917
WHITECHURCH / ONT (1 word)	FE 5 / 1881	A1	21	JA 6 / 1892	DE 25 / 1920	arcs 5.5, 5.0	1881	1968
WHITE CHURCH / ONT	NO 20 / 1924	A1	20.5	SP 1 / 1926	OC 6 / 1950	arcs 4.5, 5.0		
WIARTON							1868	open
WIARTON / ONT		A1	21	NO 16 / 1881	JA 29 / 1888	arcs ?, 11.5		
WIARTON / ONT.	JY 14 1888	A1	21.5	FE 2 / 1895		arcs 11.0 mm		
WIARTON / ONT.	MR 12 / 1910	A1	19.5	MR 15 / 1910	FE 26 / 1923	arcs 10.0 mm		
WILLISCROFT / U.C		B2x	25	<i>13 Dec / 58</i>			1856	1912
WILLISCROFT / ONT.	JY 20 / 1882	A1	20			arcs 5.0 mm		
WILLISCROFT / ONT	MY 29 / 1890	A1	21	MR 21 / 1892	MY 9 / 1912	arcs 6.5, 5.5		
WILLISCROFT / ONT.	AP 16 / 1919	A1	20	OC 29 / 1928	DE 13 / 1951	arcs 4.5 mm		
WILLOW CREEK / ONT		A1	21	MR 22 / 1892		arcs 4.0 mm	1874	1914
WILLOW CREEK / ONT	JUL 20 / 08	A1	19	AU 25 / 1908	AP 11 / 1912	arcs 3.5, 5.0		

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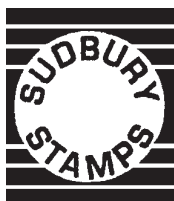
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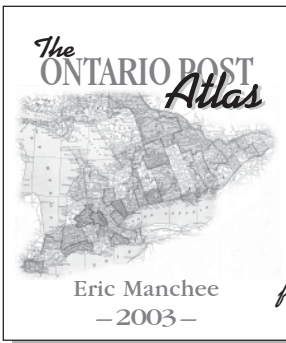
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