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POST OFFICE BUILDINGS ON POST CARDS

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Chepstow

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The village of Chepstow was first settled around 1860, on the Teeswater River in Greenock Township, Bruce County, Ontario. The post office was established on July 1, 1865 under the postmastership of William Henesy. According to Alan Rayburn, in his *Place Names of Ontario*, Chepstow was named after the Welsh birthplace of Richard de Clare (Richard Strongbow), 2nd Earl of Pembroke (1130–76), who with the permission of Henry II had invaded Ireland in 1171. The naming of the town after a Welsh invader seems to have been given with a sense of irony by Post Office officials, since it was in direct contradiction to the wishes of miller John Phelan, the first settler in the area, who wanted the post office named Emmett, after Robert Emmett, an Irish revolutionary hero who was hanged for treason in 1803. In his first year in office, postmaster Henesy received an allowance of \$10.92 as well as a \$2.00 allowance for stationery.

A 20-mm diameter CHEPSTOW / C.W broken circle dater with provision for manuscript dating had been ordered from W. G. Berri on April 15, 1865, but no reports of impressions of this device have been recorded at

the time of writing. This device was followed by a 21½ mm CHEPSTOW / ONT broken circle proofed on April 9, 1877, shortly after the one-year appointment of the town's second postmaster, William Black, on January

1, 1877. One strike of this dater has been recorded for FE 17 / 81.

By 1886 the population of the town had burgeoned to 100, with gross post office revenues of \$166.50. Michael McNab, appointed postmaster on January 1, 1878, had a 20-year tenure in office. By 1903 the gross revenues of the Chepstow post office had only risen to \$189.23, and postmaster Joseph McNab's salary to \$84.00. A 20½ mm CHEPSTOW / ONT. broken circle had been proofed on July 15, 1893. Its latest recorded date of use was August 1, 1947; the strike shown in Fig. 2, dated NO 17 / 11, is on the address side of the card shown below. The second building from the left has a sign between the two upper windows which reads "CHEPSTOW / Post Office". The



Chepstow, Ont.



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Fig. 1
CHEPSTOW/ ONT. / DE 15 / 97

This registered cover to Waterville, Main[e] is a new early date for the 1893 broken circle datestamp.

COURTESY OF John Rossiter



Fig. 2
CHEPSTOW / ONT. / NO 17 / 11
 The 1893 broken circle dater saw a long period of use and has been recorded as late as AU 1 / 47.

postmaster at that time was the fifth incumbent, John Commans, who remained in office until his death in 1925.

Two circular datestamps appear in the proof impression books, one of diameter 22½ mm proofed on PM / 29 XII / 50, an example of which is shown in Fig. 4, and one of diameter 24 mm, whose proof date is unclear but could be either 1963 or 1969.

The data on the Chepstow postmastership card is reproduced on page 507.

Chepstow post office remains in operation to the present day. ☒

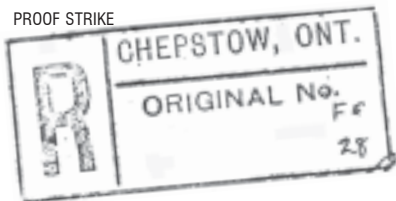
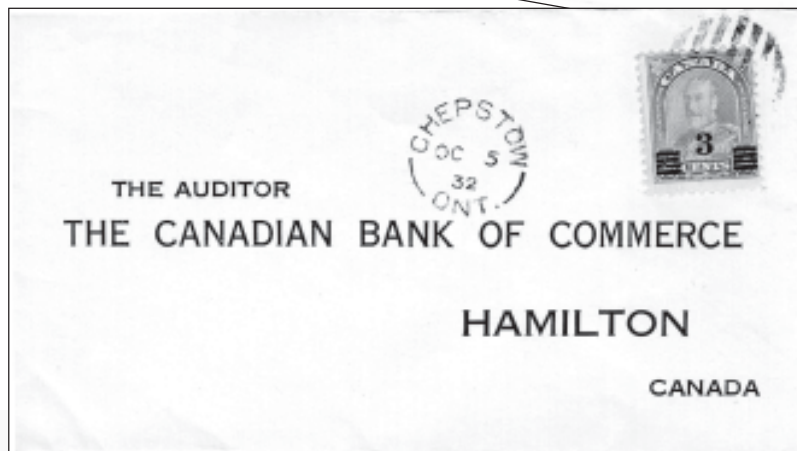


Fig. 3
CHEPSTOW / ONT. / OC 5 / 32



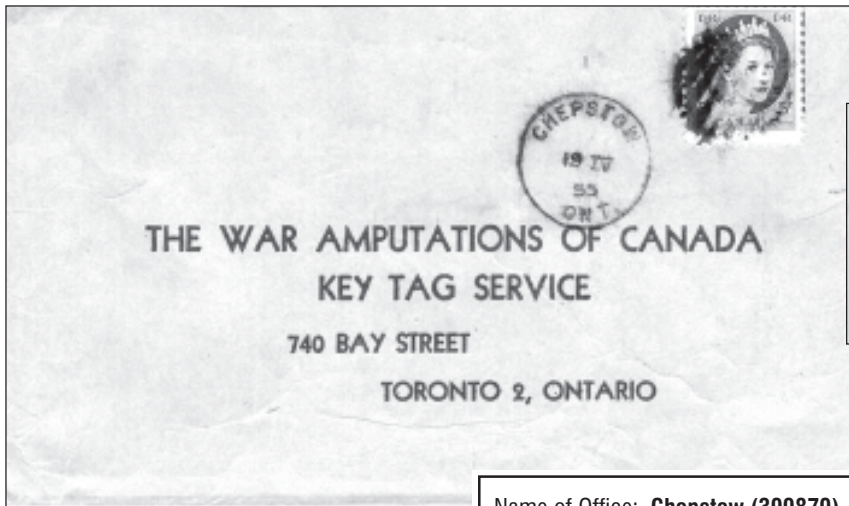


Fig. 4 – CHEPSTOW / ONT. / 19 IV / 55
22½ dater.

COURTESY OF John Rossiter



CHEPSTOW / ONT.
/ PM / 19 IV / 55
24 mm dater.



PROOF STRIKES
22½ mm cds
29 XII 50

24 mm cds
1963 ?



Name of Office: Chepstow (390879)		Electoral District (Ontario) – Bruce			
Date of Establishment: 1865-07-01		Office Re-opened:			
Office Closed:					
Name of Postmaster	Military Status	Date of Birth	Date of Appointment	Date of Vacancy	Cause of Vacancy
William Henesy			1865-07-01	1876-06-01	Resignation
William Black			1877-01-01	1877	Resignation
Michael McNab			1878-01-01	1898-11-28	Death
Joseph W. McNab			1899-06-01	1905-06-24	Resignation
John Commans			1905-07-19	1925-08-01	Death
Albert Michael Boegel			1925-10-12	1926-02-04	Resignation
George Charles Buhlman	O.A.S.		1926-04-23	1927-10-24	Resignation
Edgar Francis Massel		1899-11-14	1927-11-23	1968-03-31	Retirement
Carl William Morris			1941-10-10	1968-03-30	

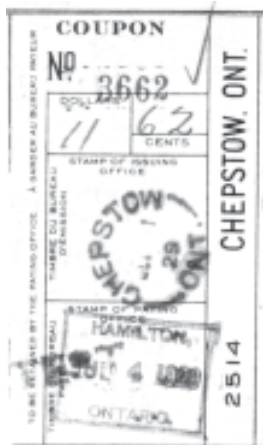
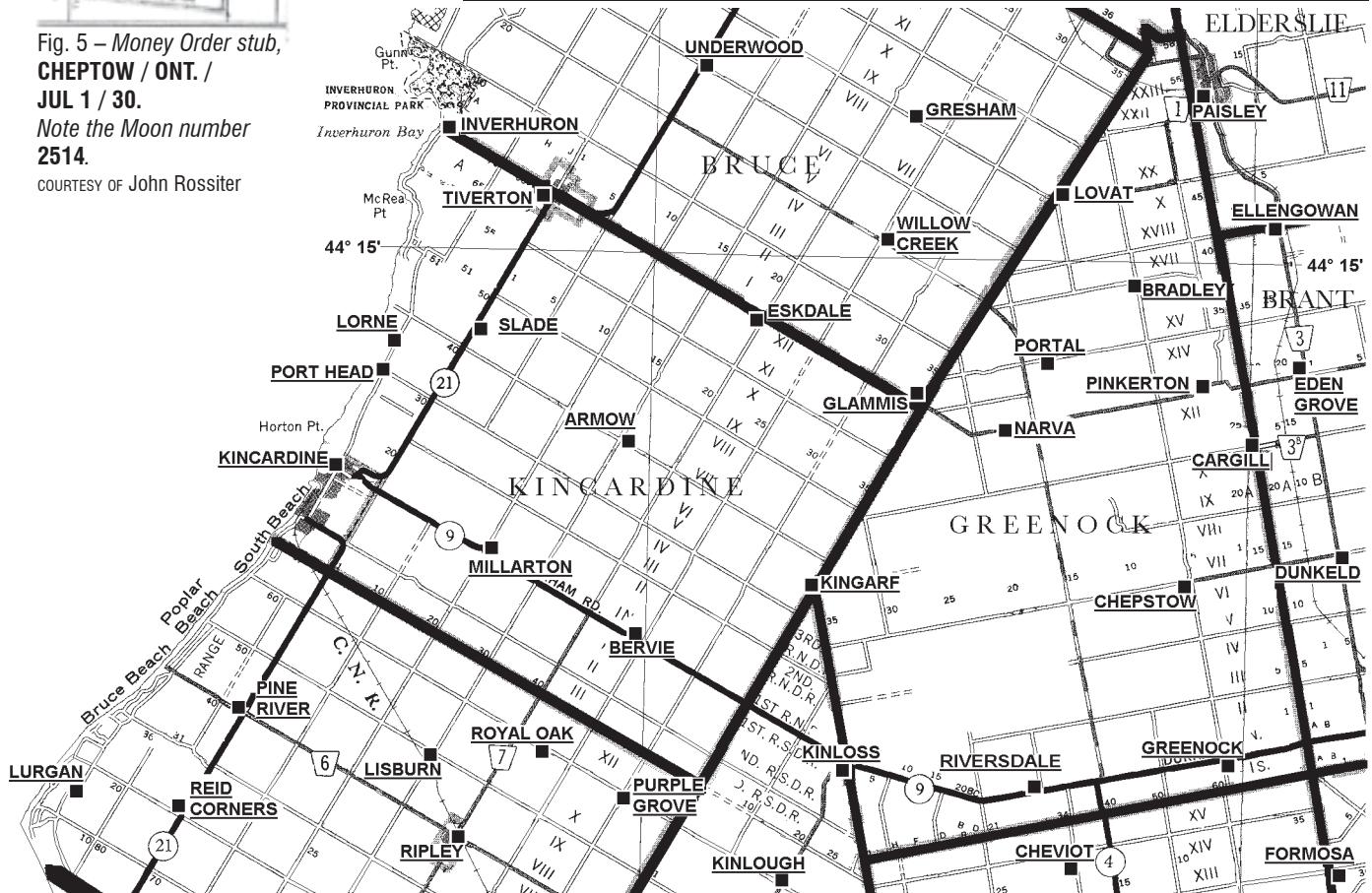


Fig. 5 – Money Order stub,
CHEPTOW / ONT. /
JUL 1 / 30.
Note the Moon number
2514.

COURTESY OF John Rossiter



A SOCIO-POSTAL HISTORY of the Municipality of the TOWN of SOUTH BRUCE PENINSULA

James E. Kraemer, FRPSC, FRPSL

HEPWORTH

A Busy Crossroads Village

Hepworth is located on the corner where Bruce County Road #8 crosses Ontario's Provincial Highway #6. It is a good place to stop on the way to Sauble Beach or when you are on your way up the Bruce Peninsula.

The municipality of Hepworth stretched considerably beyond its present borders during its formative years. William Spencer came to the area with his family from Oshawa, Ontario in 1862. He purchased 200 acres of land including Lot 7, Concession 11, about two miles west of the village intersection. In 1865 the municipal government included Arran Township and all the land north to Tobermory. Mr. Spencer was elected to the first council. He built a small log building at the crossroads on the southeast corner in 1865 which became known as the Forest Hotel. Later in 1894 a new brick building replaced it.

William Plows, who was born in London, England in 1827, came to the area in 1865. He became the owner of a number of lots on Concession 1, South Centre Diagonal. The community was growing rapidly and Mr. Plows with the help of Mr. Spencer decided to seek a post office for the village. Mr. Plows who was planning to lay out a town plot on his property wanted to select a name for it. He asked the Rev. Josias Greene, a Methodist minister in the area, if he could suggest a name. The Reverend suggested Epworth, the birthplace of John Wesley. Messrs Plows and Spencer decided that Epworth would be a good name for the village. However, Mr. Plows unwittingly attached an "H" to the name and submitted it to the Post Office Department as a suggestion for the post office name. The Department readily accepted the name and established the Hepworth post office on January 1, 1866. William Plows was appointed postmaster.

Mr. Plows and his wife Hannah operated the post office from Mr. Spencer's hotel from 1866 until 1868. The small log building which served as a hotel was replaced by a frame building. The post office moved into the new frame building with Mr. Spencer serving as postmaster from 1868-1871. Prior to 1866 the citizens of Hepworth had to walk 15 miles to Owen Sound by a path through the forest for their groceries and mail.

Two years after the post office was established William Plows resigned. William Spencer was appointed postmaster and moved the post office to his enlarged hotel. Mr. Spencer found that the post office took up too much of his time and after three years resigned.

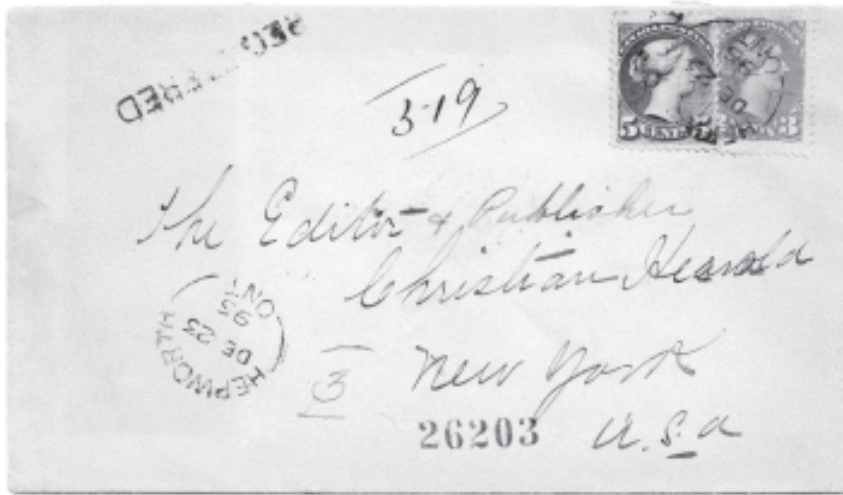


William Spencer,
Postmaster 1868-1871

William Tennent became Hepworth's third postmaster on July 1, 1871. The post office remained in the Forest Hotel for a little over six months until Thomas Briggs completed renovations in his general store in order to accommodate the post office. Mr. Tennent resigned and the post office opened in Mr. Briggs store on July 1, 1872. In October 1877 the general store and post office were destroyed by fire.

William Driffil who owned a 212-acre farm in the area, bought out the rest of Mr. Plows property including the hotel. Mr. Tennent resigned and Mr. Driffil, the newly appointed postmaster, moved the post office into his store built on the same site where the Briggs store had been located. Mr. Driffil built a second store in Hepworth and relocated the post office to the new store. In 1880 Mr. Plows moved to Brantford, Ontario. In December 1881 Driffil's general store and post office was destroyed



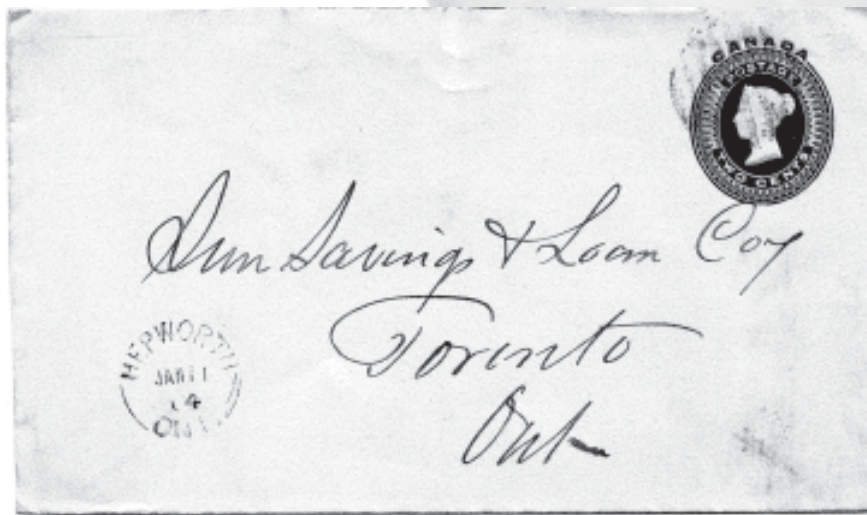
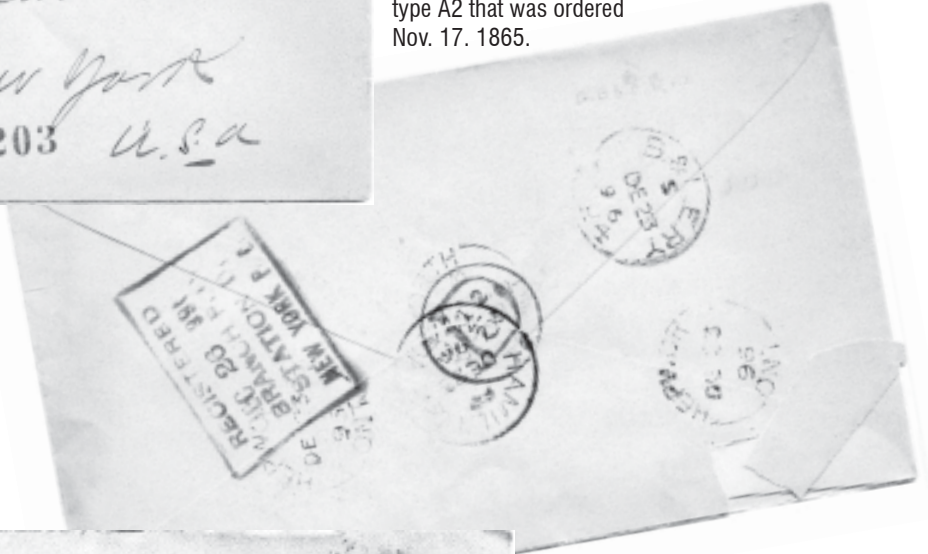


A registered letter to The Editor & Publisher, Christian Herald, New York, U.S.A., posted at HEPWORTH ONT / DE 23 / 96, it arrived at its destination December 26, 1996. This 21-mm (arcs 10 mm) type A1 broken circle was proofed MR 20 / 90 and was the second broken circle used at Hepworth.

Hepworth's first hammer was a 20-mm Berri type A2 that was ordered Nov. 17, 1865.



PROOF STRIKE



HEPWORTH / ONT. / JAN 11 / 04

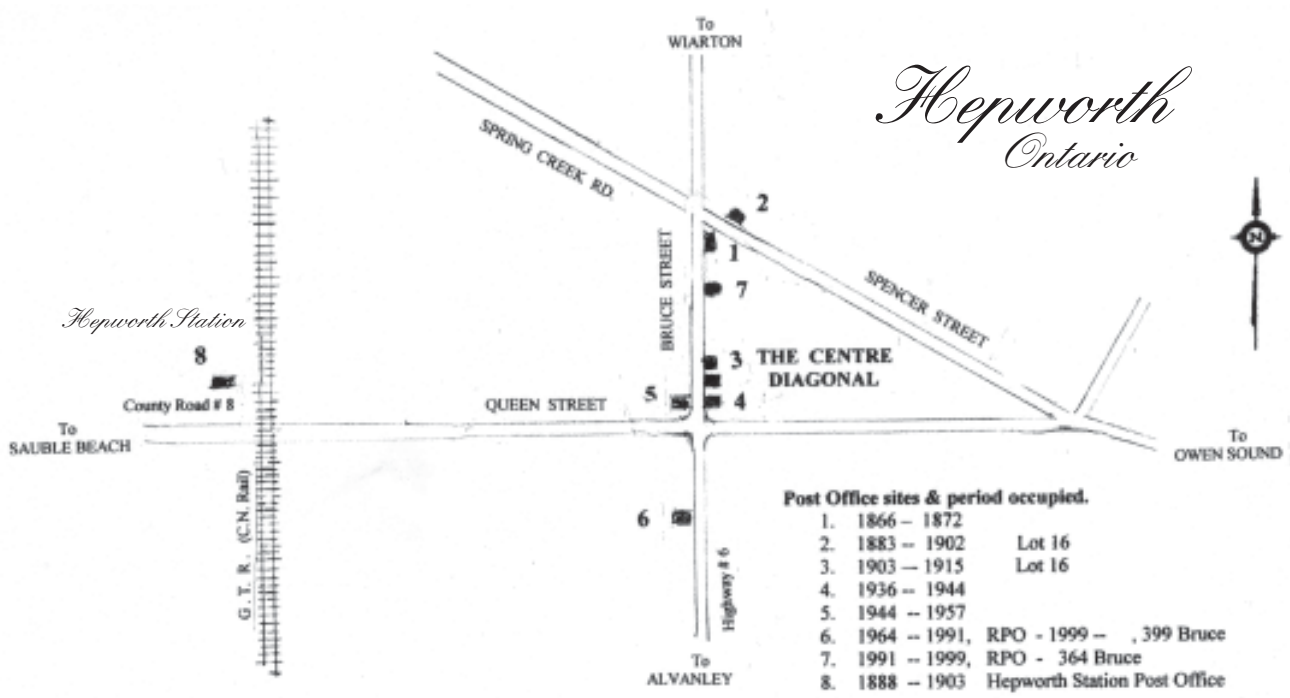
This letter to the Sun Saving & Loan Coy., Toronto, Ont. was struck with the third broken circle hammer (Type A1, 21 mm, arcs 8.5, 8.0 mm) reported used from 1903 until at least 1952.

by fire. Mr. Briggs who had rebuilt his general store sold the property to Alfred Howell. Mr. Howell, the new postmaster, passed away a few months after his appointment. Mr. William Menton rented the building and opened the post office on April 2, 1882. The year 1882 witnessed the building of Hepworth's new railway station. The first passenger train passed through Hepworth on August 1, 1882. The following year (1883) Mr. Menton left the community and abandoned the post office. The rebuilt general store on Spencer Street owned by Mr. Briggs was purchased by Robert Russell. Mr. Russell was appointed postmaster on April 1, 1883. In 1891 Mr. Russell became the first manager of the new Hepworth telephone exchange. One year later Robert Russell moved the store, post office and telephone exchange to his home on Driffil Street, now Elizabeth Street.

Hepworth was designated a police village on January 24, 1900. By this time the village had a population of over 300. There were 31 business establishments, including a doctor and a druggist. Since 1885 Hepworth had a weekly newspaper, *The Hepworth Journal*. In 1910 it became, *The Hepworth Progress*.

In the 1890s several companies began drilling in the search for oil and natural gas. William Driffil and William Beacock formed a partnership and began drilling for oil. Excitement prevailed. In 1900 natural gas was found in a well on Lot 1, Concession 10. Government records show that about 50 wells were drilled between 1917 and 1936. Natural gas was found, but only traces of oil appeared. The field's supply of gas was depleted by the 1940s. The Hepworth gas fields produced over 25 million cubic feet during their lifetime.

Hepworth Ontario



PROOF STRIKE
24-mm cds canceller
proofed
MR 3 / 90
There are no reported
strikes.

Robert Russell who had been postmaster since April 1, 1883 resigned on October 11, 1902, having served for almost 20 years. In 1899 the post office was in the north end of the general store on the corner of Bruce and Queen Streets. Mr. Russell was the postmaster at this location until 1902. Peter Anderson who had become manager of the telephone exchange was appointed postmaster on October 27, 1902.

After one year Anderson resigned and was succeeded by Robert Halls who had been postmaster at Hepworth Station post office when it closed. In 1907 the village of Hepworth was fully incorporated. Mr. Halls purchased a home on Queen Street Lot 16, and moved the post office to his home. Robert Halls was postmaster for twelve years until his death on January 20, 1915.



He had been a commissioner, an insurance agent and operated a conveyance business. His second wife Louise, who had been the postmaster's assistant took over the postmaster's position on January 27, 1915. She was destined to serve for 21 years. Starting in 1925 Miss Sarah Harrison acted as the postmaster's assistant for a number of years.

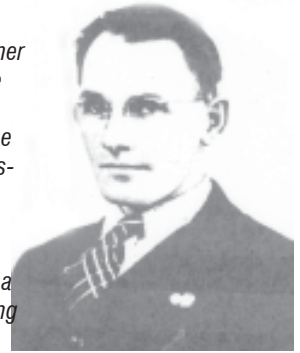
William Driffil died in 1917. Highway 6, was made a provincial highway in 1919. When Mrs. Halls left the post office in 1936 she was in ill health, in her 79th year, and not able any longer to keep up with the increasing volume of mail. Mrs. Halls had served a total of 37 years including the



The Rourke, Lyne & Atchison General Store. William F. Brown, postmaster from 1936 until 1944, operated from a room at the front right of the building which was home to the post office during his tenure.



William F. Brown, postmaster, purchased this building, the former Goetz Butcher shop, in 1944. He moved the post office and his residence into the building. Bruce Clifford, the succeeding postmaster purchased the building from Brown in 1957. He also resided above the post office. The post office expanded and moved into a new building in 1964. The building shown here was demolished in May 1966.



Bruce Clifford, postmaster 1957-1973

15 years when she was her husband's assistant.

William Forbes Brown was named postmaster on November 12, 1936. The post office was located in the southwest corner of the Rourke, Lyne & Atchison general store. In 1944 he purchased the Goetz Butcher Shop building and moved the post office across the street to this building. The building on the northwest corner of the main intersection also served as Brown's residence. His tenure in office lasted 21 years until he retired on his 73rd birthday, June 23, 1957. Revenue which had been \$1,128.08 for the year 1927-1928

doubled by 1949-1950 and tripled by 1963-1964. In 1927-1928 the postmaster's salary was \$783.00 plus \$475.00 annual rental allowance. In 1955-1956 the post office was in Group 26 with the postmaster's annual salary being \$2,800.00.

A post office report dated February 3, 1955 advises that all mail for Sauble Beach, Sauble Beach South and Sauble Beach North is forwarded to Hepworth, where it is sorted and dispatched. Mail for Sauble Beach South is conveyed to that office by the courier on Hepworth, R.R. 1. The mail for Sauble Beach and Sauble Beach North is conveyed to these offices by the courier on Hepworth, R.R. 2. All three offices are S.O.'s (Summer Offices) operating from June 15 to September 15.

In 1953, 102 families were served at the Hepworth post office, and 108 families were served by Hepworth R.R. 1.

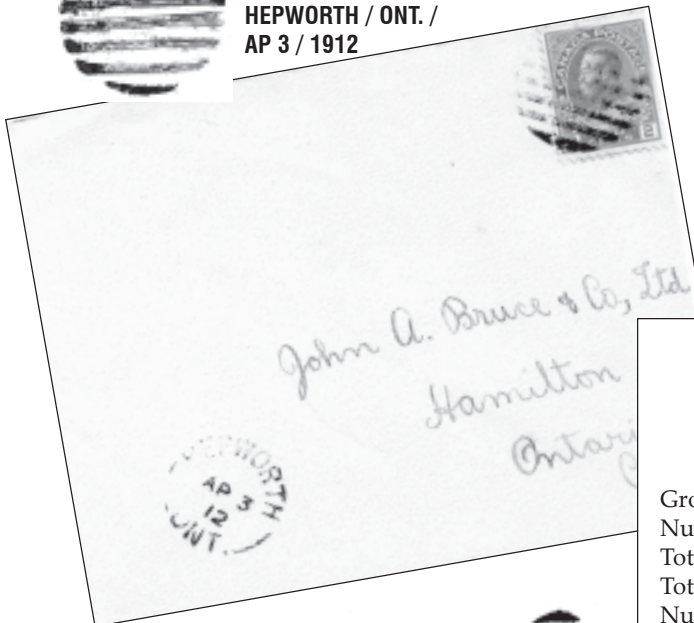
In 1962, 126 families were served at the Hepworth post office, 151 families were served by 102 on R.R. 1 and by 49 on R.R. 2.

A report dated May 13, 1963 noted that the volume of mail warrants the Hepworth revenue post office becoming a semi-staff post office. Since only 275 square feet of space was available a request was made to Public



8-bar killer was in use at Hepworth.

**HEPWORTH / ONT. /
AP 3 / 1912**



This 23-mm Type II B11 duplex canceller (DON-773) was proofed March 6, 1917. There are no recorded strikes of this postmark.



HEPWORTH & HEPWORTH STATION

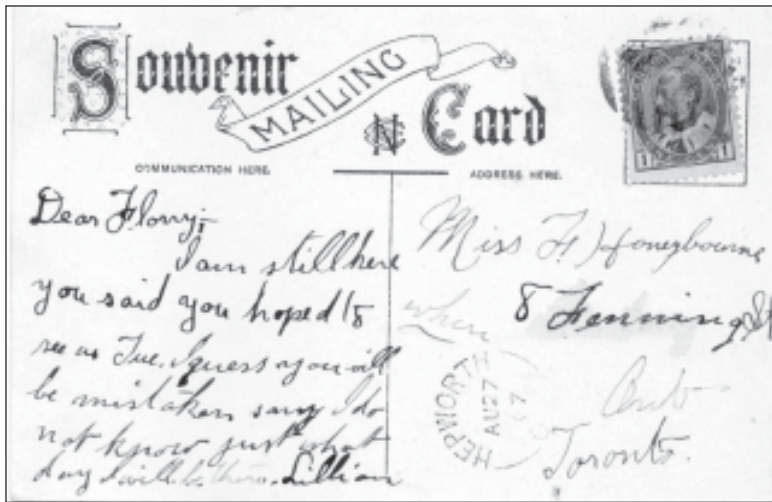
- a comparison -

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING

for the financial year ending June 30, 1903

Gross Postal Revenue	\$ 561.38	\$ 339.71
Number of Money Orders Issued	735	512
Total \$ Amount of Money Orders Issued	\$11,632.88	\$10,654.60
Total Commission Rec'd from Public	\$ 60.63	\$ 48.91
Number of Money Orders Paid	160	66
Total Amount of Money Orders Paid	\$ 2,317.62	\$ 1,126.27
Total Amount of Postal Notes Paid	\$ 162.76	\$ 175.06
Comp. Paid to Postmasters on M.O. Business	\$ 30.60	\$ 27.14
Comp. Paid to Postmasters on P.N. Business	\$ 2.22	\$ 1.40
Salary	\$ 210.00	\$ 200.00

It should be noted that in 1888 the postmaster at Hepworth Station earned the princely sum of 85¢ for four months, March 1 to June 30. The gross postal revenue for the same period was \$17.94.



HEPWORTH / ONT. / AU 27 / 07

It appears that the sender of this postcard forgot to include the destination city in the address and yet it appears that the card was delivered.



John Thomas Gibson, postmaster.

Works Canada to supply a standard building of 800 square feet. Hepworth post office was reclassified and given semi-staff status on June 1, 1963. A contract for a new post office was awarded on February 24, 1964 to Lexington Contracting Company, R.R. 2, Owen Sound at their tendered price of \$21,300.00. The new post office had 162 postal lock boxes for the use of its patrons. According to an October 29, 1964 note, mail service was being provided to Hepworth post office via Guelph and Warton Highway Service at 8:05 a.m., and via Owen Sound and Warton Highway Service at 11:15 a.m. and 5:45 p.m. Two rural routes leave Hepworth post office at approximately 12:00 noon and return at approximately 12:45 p.m.

When Mr. Brown retired on June 22, 1957 his wife Alma, who had been his assistant for 21 years, was appointed Acting Postmaster for a short period until a suitable candidate could be found.

Bruce Weston Clifford was considered the best qualified candidate of the three applicants for the postmaster's position. Mr. Clifford, who was a veteran with a disability pension, purchased the building housing the post office from Mrs. Halls. His appointment as revenue postmaster at a salary of \$3,370.00 per annum became effective October 29, 1957. Mr. Clifford was well known locally. He had served as Reeve from 1949 to 1952, inclusive. The Bruce Peninsula & District Hospital appointed him a Board member. He was also the welfare officer of the Hepworth Canadian Legion.

Charles Wellington Ramsay, a postal officer at the Hepworth post office for 24 years retired on June 22, 1970. He received his first appointment on April 1, 1946. He and his wife Thelma built a new home west of Hepworth. Postal authorities elevated the Hepworth post office to a semi-staff office on January 1, 1963. The status of the post office was raised from Grade 3 to Grade 4 effective March 1, 1971. (At the time post offices in Canada were in Group 1 to 12 and Grade 1 to 6.) The postmaster's salary for the fiscal year 1970-1971 was \$6,998.00. Mr. Clifford was reaching the mandatory retirement age of 65. He had been postmaster for 16 years when he retired on June 29, 1973. His wife Laura Victoria Clifford was appointed post-

master on a temporary basis. She had been a post office assistant along with Helen I. Westlake since June 6, 1968.

John Thomas Gibson was appointed postmaster on August 1, 1973. Mr. Gibson transferred from the Mount Forest, Ontario post office. Laura Clifford and Helen Westlake were retained as postal assistants. Laura Clifford who had been a postal employee since October 29, 1957 retired effective August 18, 1975. She was born on December 5, 1916. In 1975 Hepworth was contained in an area of 743 acres and had a population of 381 souls.

John G. Muir a Hepworth postal employee left the post office on January 15, 1975. Mr. Gibson left the postmaster's position in Hepworth on January 9, 1978, in order to take up the position of postmaster in Arthur, Ontario. He had been advised of his Arthur appointment on November 16, 1977.

Ms Dora Cole was temporarily put in charge of the post office for two months. Paul J. Gould was appointed Acting Postmaster on March 11, 1978. After one month he was given another assignment and Clarence A. Holmes was appointed postmaster on an acting basis. One year later on May 1, 1979 John Gibson started commuting from Warton to act as postmaster at Hepworth. Seven months later Mr. Gibson was needed on another assignment and Ms Dora Cole was asked to take charge for six months until Mr. Gibson was able to return.

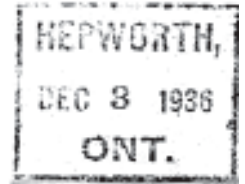
From January 1978 until November 1982 there were a number of appointments in Hepworth that were temporary or acting positions. The Post Office District Office found it necessary to change personnel numerous times in order to properly manage the Hepworth office.

John Gibson returned to Hepworth as postmaster on June 17, 1980. Two years and two months later, Mr. Gibson was asked to take another assignment. The reliable Dora Cole, now Mrs. Dora Abbott of Shallow Lake, Ontario was appointed Temporary Postmaster for three months until Mr. Gibson returned from his Acting position in Warton. Mr. Gibson served as Postmaster of Hepworth from November 10, 1982 until August 31, 1990 when he retired after a short period on sick leave. Mr. Real Gagne was appointed Acting Postmaster on September 1, 1990.

Canada Post in mid-1991 informed the residents of Hepworth that the post office would be converted to a

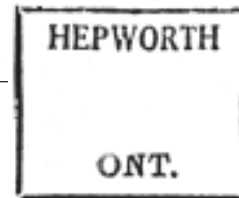
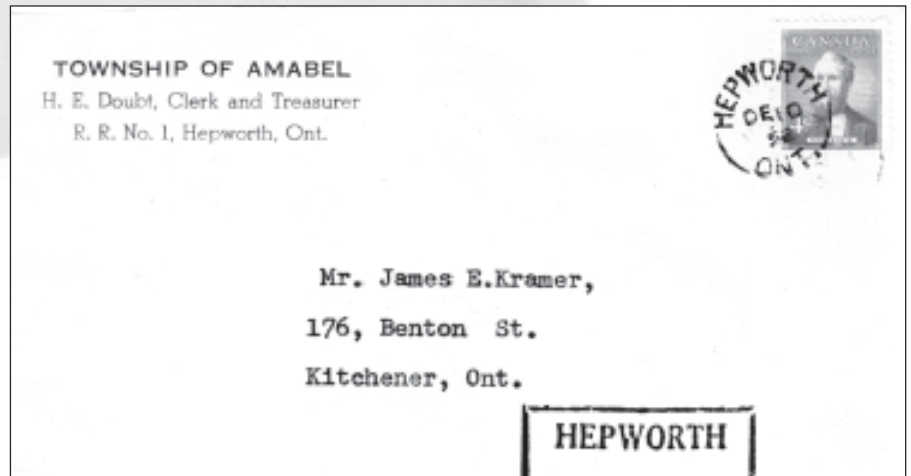


PROOF STRIKE
MOOD
1928-8-28



PROOF STRIKE
MOTO
DEC 3 1936

Illustrated herewith are a number of covers originating from Hepworth businesses and municipal offices. All are postmarked with the third Hepworth broken circle postmark.



PROOF STRIKE
MOTO
1948-8-12

Retail Postal Outlet on July 20, 1991. James Craig, Community Affairs Officer of Huron District, London, Ontario advised residents that due to the time involved in screening applicants the post office closure would not take place until after September 2, the Labour Day holiday. Postal officials announced that after the post office was converted Rural Route mail for the area served by the Hepworth office would be sorted and despatched by the Wiarton post office.

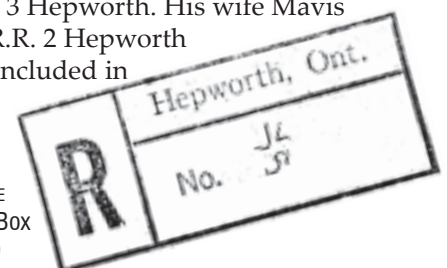
Geof Pritchard, co-owner of Hepworth's only grocery store, Donna Brown and Don Wellwood expressed interest in operating a Retail Postal Outlet. However, concerns about the amount of remuneration and the contractual agreement led all three rejecting offers to manage the postal outlet.

After a number of delays the Retail Postal Outlet opened on October 14, 1991 at J. D. Printing, 364 Bruce Street with Real and Judy Gagne as managers. On February 1, 1995 a new business, Designworks and Graphics at the same address took over the R.P.O. (Retail Postal Outlet). The manager was Susan (Sue) Tout.

On March 15, 1999, Hepworth's Retail Postal Outlet

was taken over by Cindy's Variety, a business operated by Cindy Johnson. The Variety store was located at 499 Bruce Street in the former post office building that served the public from 1964 until 1991.

When the Hepworth post office closed in 1991 its three rural routes came under the supervision of Wiarton post office where the mail is sorted and despatched. The couriers for all three Hepworth Rural Routes are Kenneth and Mavis Ervin of R.R. 2 Hepworth. Officially Ken Ervin has the contract for R.R. 1 Hepworth and R.R. 3 Hepworth. His wife Mavis is the contractor for R.R. 2 Hepworth which is now (2006) included in R.R. 1 Sauble Beach.



PROOF STRIKE
Registration Box
July 1950

HEPWORTH / ONT. / PM / 11 VI / 53

This new Hepworth hammer was proofed February 27, 1953. It remained in use until the post office closed in 1991.



Messrs. George Menzies & Son
138 Tenth Street East.
Owen Sound



*E. Kraemer
Commanche Dr
Ottawa, Ont
K2E 6E8*



*Hepworth post office,
1964-1991.*

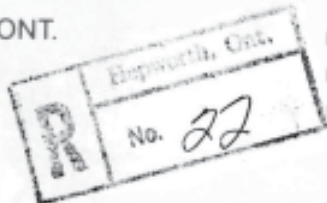
Dora Abbott
POSTMASTER

392138
11 X 1991
HEPWORTH
ON



**392138 / 11 X 1991 /
HEPWORTH / ON**
*Hepworth was assigned this
number (POCON) on April 1,
1973 with the introduction of a
new computerized system.
Former postmaster, Mrs. Dora
Abbott, signed this cover on
the last day of operation of the
Hepworth post office.*

TEXACO CANADA
P.O. BOX/C.P. 1400
DON MILLS,
NORTH YORK, ONT.
M3C 3H5



*Many thanks to
John Rossiter and Bob
Smith for help in supplying
supporting illustrations for
this article.*

HEPWORTH'S MAIL CONTRACTORS

Hepworth-Park Head

A contract to carry the mail between Hepworth and Park Head, a distance of three miles, with two trips per week was awarded to G. Sutherly prior to 1880. The contract terminated on December 31, 1882. Previous to Mr. Sutherly's contract, W. Simpson held the contract in the late 1870s for which he received \$55.00 per annum.

R.R. 1, Hepworth

This rural route was established on July 1, 1912. Rated at 12½ miles, the contract called for 6 trips per week.

J. Currie, July 1, 1912 to June 30, 1916 – \$439.33 per annum.

J. Eldridge, July 2, 1916 to June 30, 1917. Mr. Eldridge's contract called for 3 trips per week. Later contractors were Russell and Ruth McKnight, also Larry Post. R.R. 1 was extended when the Clavering post office closed in 1970. A realignment of the postal routes resulted in the Hepworth-Clavering route becoming R.R. 3 Hepworth. Bernice Adams, and later Mr. and Mrs. Mel Bartley served the patrons on this route.

R.R. 2, Hepworth

When established on Dec. 14, 1914, the route was rated at 11 miles and the contract called for 6 trips per week.

M. H. McKenzie, Dec. 1, 1914 to Dec. 31, 1915.

E. Lampkin, Jan. 1, 1916 to March 31, 1916.

Clarence Lyne, April 1, 1916 to 1963. Mr. Lyne was a mail courier for 45 years – an area record. Other mail contractors were:

David Morton, Alex and Etta Gordon, Jack and Mel Johnston, and Art and Jean Lundy.

Hepworth-Hepworth Railroad Station

Rated at ¾ of a mile, the early contracts were for 12 trips per week.

William Spencer, Dec. 10, 1882 to Dec. 31, 1882

W. Menton, January 1, 1883 to . . .

T. Burr, . . . to Sep. 30, 1891

T. Kemp, July 1, 1883 to Sep. 30, 1891. Mr. Kemp's contract was for \$160.00 per annum.

S. Yeo, Oct. 1, 1891 to Dec. 31, 1892 (same terms)

S. Yeo, Jan. 1, 1892 to Dec. 31, 1896 (18 trips per week)

S. Yeo, Jan. 1, 1897 to June 30, 1897. (12 trips per week at \$160.00 per annum).

J. A. Crichton, July 1, 1897. (12 trips per week at \$110.16 per annum).

A. Tennant. (Contract was for 800 yards, 3 trips daily at \$236.08 per annum).

Hepworth RPO 067547

operated from Oct. 14, 1991 until January 31, 1995. It was succeeded by RPO 168246 which served the public from the same location at 364 Bruce Street.

THE POSTMASTERS OF HEPWORTH and their periods of service

Post office established: Jan. 1, 1866

William Plows	Jan. 1, 1866 – Jan. 9, 1868	RESIGNATION
William Spencer	Apr. 1, 1868 – Mar. 1871	RESIGNATION
William Tennent	July 1, 1871 – Jan. 29, 1872	RESIGNATION
Thomas Briggs	July 1, 1872 – Oct. 29, 1877	RESIGNATION
William Driffil	Jan. 1, 1878 – Dec. 28, 1881	RESIGNATION
Alfred Howell	Mar. 14, 1881 – 1881	DEATH
William C. Menton	April 1, 1882 – 1883	LEFT THE VILLAGE
Robert Russell	April 1, 1883 – Oct. 11, 1902	RESIGNATION
Peter Anderson	Oct. 27, 1902 – Oct. 6, 1903	RESIGNATION
Robert Halls	Dec. 1, 1903 – Jan. 20, 1915	DEATH
Mrs. Louise M. Halls	Jan. 27, 1915 – Aug. 25, 1936	ADVANCED AGE
Wm. Forbes Brown	Nov. 12, 1936 – June 22, 1957	RETIREMENT
Mrs. Alma Gertrude Brown	June 23, 1957 – Oct. 28, 1957	ACTING
Bruce Weston Clifford	Oct. 29, 1957 – June 29, 1973	RETIREMENT
Laura Victoria Clifford	June 29, 1973 – July 31, 1973	TEMP.
John Thos. Gibson	Aug. 1, 1973 – Jan. 9, 1978	NEW APPOINT.
Ms. Dora Cole	Jan. 9, 1978 – Mar. 10, 1978	TEMPORARY
Paul J. Gould	Mar. 11, 1978 – Apr. 17, 1978	ACTING
Clarence A. Holmes	Apr. 18, 1978 – Apr. 30, 1979	ACTING
John Thos. Gibson	May 1, 1979 – Jan. 15, 1980	ACTING
Mrs. Dora Cole	Jan. 16, 1980 – June 16, 1980	TEMPORARY
John Thos. Gibson	June 17, 1980 – Aug. 3, 1982	NEW ASSIGN.
Mrs. Dora Abbott	Aug. 4, 1982 – Nov. 9, 1982	TEMPORARY
John Thos. Gibson	Nov. 10, 1982 – Aug. 31, 1990	RETIREMENT
Real Gagne	Sep. 1, 1990 – Oct. 11, 1991	ACTING

Post office closed: Oct. 11, 1991

Money Order Office Number **3167**

Computer Office Number: **392138** (est. Apr. 1, 1973)

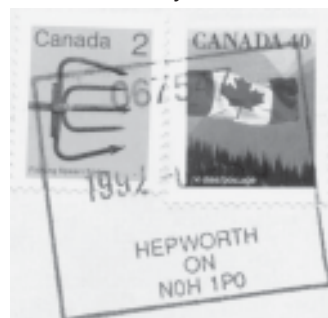
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After closure of the corporate post office, the retail franchise moved to 364 Bruce Street. The RPO was located here from 1991 until 1999.

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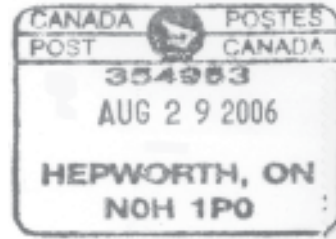
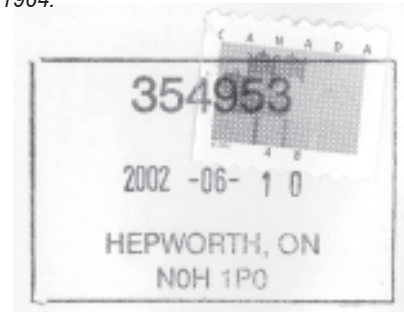
- [1] *Real and Judy Gagne, J. D. Printing*
October 14, 1991 – January 31, 1995 [Resource Centre #067547].
- [2] *Susan (Sue) Tout, Designworks & Graphics*
February 1, 1995 – March 14, 1999 [R.C. #168246].



- [3] *Cindy Johnson, Cindy's Variety*, March 15, 1999 and still operating under this contract [R.C. #354953].



Hepworth RPO 354953 is the current franchise based at Cindy's Variety. The location is no less than the former post office building that was built in 1964.



On March 15, 1999, the Hepworth RPO returned to its former home which now housed Cindy's Variety. RC#354953 was assigned to this operation which is still in existence in early 2007.

HEPWORTH STATION

A Major Lumber Centre

The Grand Trunk Railway built a station in Hepworth in 1882 on its branch line, the Grey, Bruce & Lake Huron Railway. The railway station was on Lot 3, Concession 10, about three kilometers west of Hepworth post office. The area became a major distribution centre particularly for lumber and timber. As a result the area around the station grew into a small village. Great volumes of lumber were shipped daily. At one time there were five sawmills in Hepworth and four mills in the county shipping all their timber from the Hepworth station. A large sawmill in Hepworth had been built in 1856 on the Centre Diagonal by Pickard and Rowan.

As the area around the station grew into a small village the need for a post office became obvious. Hepworth Station post office was established on March 1, 1888 in Vance's General Store with Mrs.

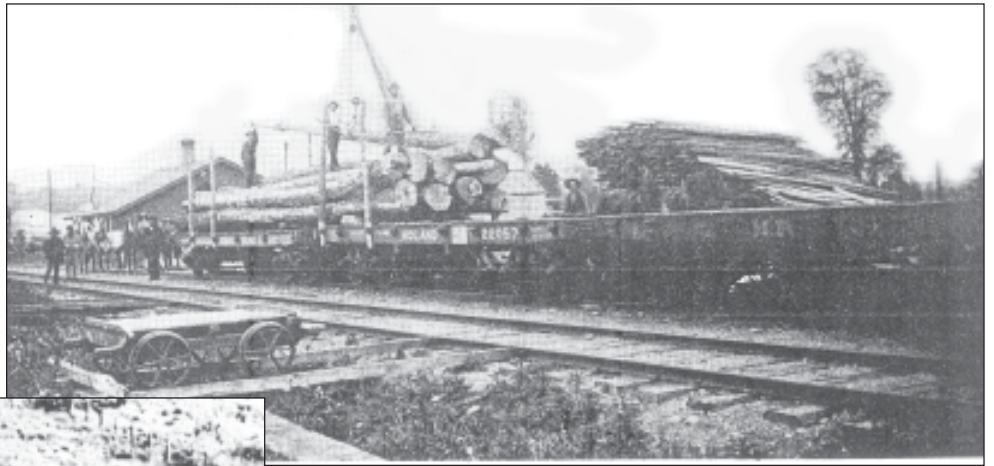
Susan Vance appointed postmaster. The Grand Trunk Railway built a siding at the station in order to facilitate shipping. Summers Brothers purchased the sawmill and operated it for several years. In 1893 misunderstandings in the trans-acting of post office business resulted in Mrs. Vance leaving the post office. Robert Halls became Hepworth Station's second postmaster on August 4, 1893.

By 1898 J. Jackson & Son operated a sawmill; James Murphy operated a second mill, Reid Brothers a third and C. H. Whitthun & Co. a fourth. In 1900 E. P. Rae and John Caldwell discovered natural gas in a well they drilled to 1450 feet. By this time the lumber business



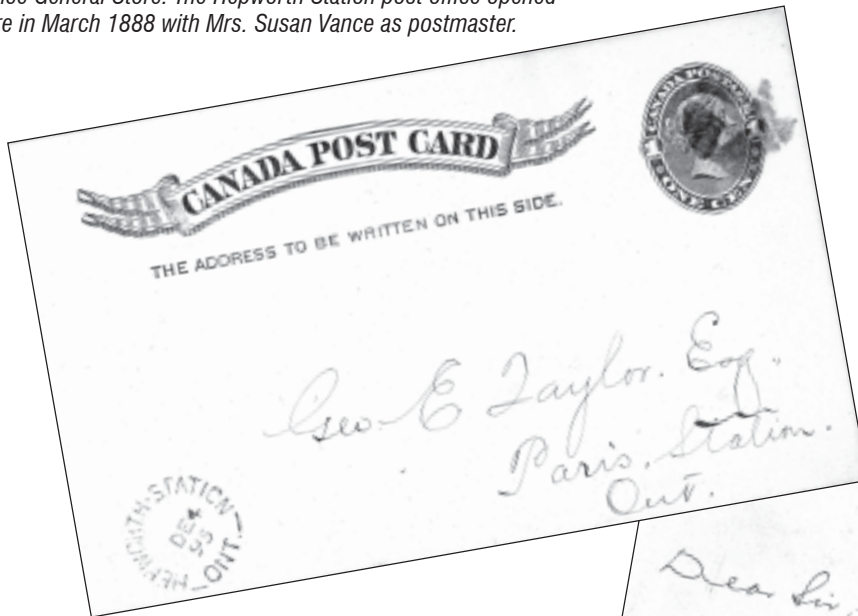
The Grand Trunk Station at Hepworth.

Loading telegraph poles at Hepworth Station. An 1899 report said that in the last year an average of 25 railway cars of lumber were shipped every day. In November 1889 it was reported that in the previous year the following was shipped from Wiarton station – 11 million feet of lumber, 9,000 telegraph poles, 7000 cords of bark, 10,000 cords of cordwood, plus other miscellaneous lumber products.

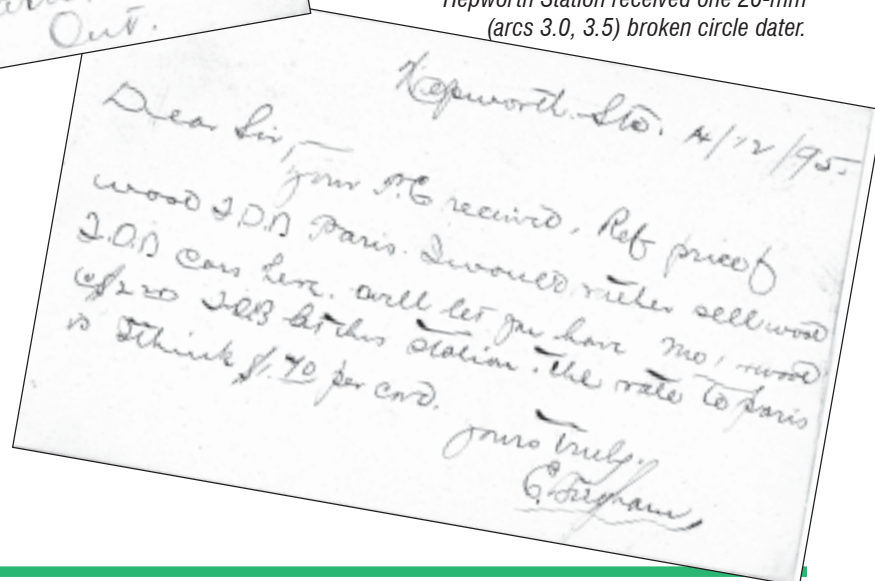


Vance General Store. The Hepworth Station post office opened here in March 1888 with Mrs. Susan Vance as postmaster.

started to decline. In another three years the lumber business in particular and business in general decreased to the point where the usefulness of the post office did not warrant its existence. The postal authorities decided to close the post office and transfer Mr. Halls to the Hepworth post office where a vacancy existed. Mr. Halls took up his new duties as Postmaster of the Hepworth post office on December 1, 1903. He had been postmaster at Hepworth Station for ten years. The local residents were served by the Hepworth post office and later by rural route delivery. The 1893 Postmaster General's annual report states that J. Vance had the contract to convey the mail between the Hepworth Station post office and the Railway station, 6 trips per week for which he received \$25.00 per annum.



HEPWORTH-STATION / ONT. / DE 4 / 95
 In its short period of operation, 1888-1903, Hepworth Station received one 20-mm (arcs 3.0, 3.5) broken circle dater.





HEPWORTH-STATION / ONT. / JY 31 / 97

HEPWORTH-STATION / ONT. / MR 16 / 99

THE POSTMASTERS OF HEPWORTH STATION and their periods of service

Post office established: *March 1, 1888*

Mrs. Susan Vance Mar. 1, 1888 – June 6, 1893 GAVE UP OFFICE
Robert Halls Aug. 4, 1893 – Nov. 2, 1902

Post office closed: *Nov. 2, 1903*



REFERENCE

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Identifying Post Offices by Number –

[REF. 229]

a System of Organization: Dufferin & Grey Counties

Gus Knierim

Most collectors and postal historians realize that the Post Office Department and now Canada Post does utilize a numeric system of identifying the various post offices and postal operations. Some of us may realize that the numbering system goes back to the 1920s when the P.O.D. assigned four-digit numbers to all accounting post offices. This fact did not gain significance to the collecting community until 1950 when those four-digit numbers made their appearance on hand-stamps. Non-accounting offices received five-digit numbers which were first reported in print in the 1936-1937 edition of the *Canada Official Postal Guide* which contained a "List of Post Offices in Canada" corrected to September 1, 1935. These numbers appeared in single-line handstamps and were not intended for use to cancel mail but rather where a numeric identification for interoffice communications. Occasionally they have been seen to cancel postage, mostly on philatelic mail. Handstamps containing the four-digit office numbers are referred to as MOON datestamps by the collecting community. The numbers were assigned to post offices according to geographic regional by numeric blocks. By the early 1970s the P.O.D. was literally running out of numbers and a new system of numbering was required. The new computerized system was initiated on April 1,

1973 and consists of a 6-digit number in which the first five digits are the actual number and the sixth digit is a computerized check.

In the late 1980s with many post office closures, and the opening of many new franchises often existing only for a few weeks, numbers were no longer assigned on a regional basis. Instead unused blocks were assigned to these new operations. By 2000, further refinement was necessary, and Canada Post began using new computer software which assigned a true 6-digit number to offices (no check digit).

The following tables for Dufferin and Grey Counties attempt to trace the numbers assigned to each post office in those counties from the earliest times of the system. The tables also give many anecdotal notes regarding location of the office and/or franchise. As you can see from the tables that many offices in our region have been closed and replaced by franchises. These franchises are all identified in the fourth column of figures.

A word of caution – these tables are as complete as possible *at this time*. With your help more information can be added. Bruce and Simcoe Counties are in the works and will be published shortly. ☒

CANADA POST Organizational Numbers (Dufferin Cty, ON)

non-acct	acct	Corp.	franchise	COMMUNITY	POSTAL	OPENING / CLOSING DATE	ANECDOTAL NOTE
MOON	MOON	RC#	RC#		CODE	[DATED POSTMARK]	
78067	***	***		AMARANTH STATION	n/a	1874 05 01 / 1951 03 09	closed
***	2420	***		CAMILLA	n/a	1860 02 01 / 1934 01 16	closed RMD (RR4 Orangeville)
78800	***	***		COLBECK	n/a	1869 09 01 // 1949 04 14	closed RMD
***	***	***	410306	CONOVER/SHELBURNE RO	LON 1S0	1990 07 01 / 1992 09 18	Hwy. 24, RR3, Shelburne (early PO 1900 10 20 / 1914 01 31)
***	2628	***		CORBETTON [prev. Chedworth]	n/a	1881 10 01 / 1969 06 17	closed
79539	***	***		GLEN CROSS	n/a	1887 05 01 / 1969 06 29	closed
***	3054	331937		GRAND VALLEY	LON 1G0	1885 08 01 / open	9 Mill Street East [corp. 60s]
***	***	***	410179	GRAND VALLEY RO	LON 1G0	1989 06 01 / 1990 03 14	Box 414, 23 Main Street
***	***	***	012122	GRAND VALLEY RO	LON 1G0	1990 03 12 / 1992 08 31	Beckers, 24 Main Street (west side) [Postal code error L0S 1N0]
***	3198	332585		HONEYWOOD	LON 1H0	1865 07 01 / 1991 07 16	Honey Mart Gen. Store, County Rd. 21
***	***	***	409774	HONEYWOOD/SHELBURNE RPO 2	LON 1H0	1989 06 01 / 1989 07 24	
***	***	***	410306	HONEYWOOD RO	LON 1H0	NOV 9 1989	this number transferred to Conover retail outlet
***	***	***	063118	HONEYWOOD RO	LON 1H0	1991 06 17 ~ c.1994	
***	3204	***		HORNING'S MILLS	n/a	1851 08 06 / 1964 01 01	Store/private dwelling Lot 14, Conc 1 (name altered: no apostrophe)
***	3204	332623		HORNINGS MILLS	LON 1J0	1964 01 01 / 1983 03 04	closed
80150	***	***		JESSOPVILLE	n/a	1882 04 01 / 1956 07 19	closed
***	3422	333174		LAUREL	LON 1L0	1861 08 01 / 1991 07 16	closed
***	***	***	410268	LAUREL/ORANGEVILLE RPO 6	LON 1L0	1989 08 01 / 1989 09 25	closed
***	***	***	010278	LAUREL RO	LON 1L0	1989 09 25 / 1990 10 18	closed (10 Side Rd East)
***	***	***	073334	LAUREL RO	LON 1L0	1991 12 20 < 1998 10 07	closed (Laurel Gen. Store & Post Office)
***	3509	***		LORETTO [ren. Athlone (2)]	n/a	1864 08 01 / 1950 11 13	NE cor Lot 15, Conc. 5, Adjala Twp.
***	3509	333263		LORETTO [prev. Athlone (2)]	LOG 1L0	1955 11 16 / 1988 05 20	Store, Adjala Twp.
***	***	***	327476	LORETTO / Beeton RO	LOG 1L0	1988 05 20 / 1988 09 06	Store, Adjala Twp.
***	***	***	329746	LORETTO RO	LOG 1L0	1988 09 05 / 1992 04 04	P.O. Box 92, Store, Adjala Twp.
***	3572	333433		MANSFIELD	LON 1M0	1858 10 01 / 1988 04 08	Airport Road
***	***	***	405523	MANSFIELD/SHELBURNE RPO 1	LON 1M0	1988 04 08 / 1989 03 06	Mansfield General Store, Airport Road
***	***	***	409316	MANSFIELD RO	LON 1M0	1989 03 06 < 1999 07 ?	Mansfield General Store, Airport Road
***	***	***	267678	MANSFIELD RO	LON 1M0	? / open	Mansfield General Store, Airport Road
***	3616	***		MELANCTHON	n/a	1851 07 06 / 1969 07 17	Gen. Store, Hwy 10 & Cty Rd. 17
80829	***	***		MONO CENTRE	n/a	1851 07 06 / 1969 06 29	store
***	3880	334448		ORANGEVILLE	L9W 2L0	1851 08 06 / open	216 Broadway
***	***	***	053406	ORANGEVILLE LCD	L9W 1L0	? / open	74 Centennial Rd.
***	3721	398268		ORANGEVILLE / Sub 1	?	1967 01 11 // 1992 06 16	200-202 Elizabeth Street (1967 01 11); 150 First St (1981 09 03)
***	***	***	059102	ORANGEVILLE Mall RO	L9W 3T7	1991 06 19 / 1991 06 20	likely never opened
***	***	***	076953	ORANGEVILLE Mall RO [prev. / Sub/RPO 1]	L9W 3S0	1992 06 16 / ?	150 First Street
***	***	***	342416	ORANGEVILLE Mall RO [prev. RO 076953]	L9W 3S0	c.2003 08 13 / open	F-Stop Camera Shop, 150 First Street
***	??	***		ORANGEVILLE / Sub 2	n/a	1969 03 11 // 1970 01 03	
***	***	***	404942	ORANGEVILLE / Sub 2	L9W 1J0	1987 06 01 // 1988 02 01	25 Broadway Ave., Unit #4
***	3435	333190		ORANGEVILLE / Sub 3	L9W 1K0	1970 03 17 / ?	
***	***	333190		ORANGEVILLE / Sub 3	L9W 1K0	1987 12 28 / ?	Banner Books & Stationery, 169 Broadway
***	***	***	404950	ORANGEVILLE / Sub 4	L9W 3Z0	1987 07 20 / 1987 11 09	Busy Bee Market, 400 Town Line Rd.
***	***	***	404969	ORANGEVILLE / Sub 5	L9W 3L0	1987 06 13 / 1988 04 30	Jug City Variety, 15 Brenda Blvd.
***	***	***	435309	ORANGEVILLE / Staples-Business Depot	L9W 3J6	2001 11 19 / 2006 03 25	Staples Business Depot #205, 85 First Street
***	***	***	409707	ORANGEVILLE RO	L9W 3T5	1989 05 31 / closed	Mono Mills Food Town, 19815 Airport Rd., RR8, Orangeville
***	3891	334499		ORTON	LON 1N0	1881 10 01 / 1990 03 01	Main St
***	***	***	010391	ORTON/HILLSBURGH RPO 1	LON 1N0	1990 03 01 / 1990 07 30	
***	***	***	011495	ORTON RO	LON 1N0	1990 03 01 / 1992 02 28	Cty Rd. 3, Marsville
***	***	***	076716	ORTON RO	LON 1N0	1992 02 29 / ?	Orton General Store
***	***	***	173622	ORTON RO	LON 1N0	? / ?	Orton General Store
***	***	***	430005	ORTON RO	LON 1N0	? / open	Marsville Convenience Market & Garden Centre, Cty Rd. 3
81900	4187	***		RIVERVIEW	n/a	1881 08 01 / 1969 03 31	Store (Acct Office 1964 07 21)
***	4204	335045		ROSEMONT	LON 1R0	1861 07 01 / 1991 07 30	Tosorontio & Mulmur Twps.
***	***	***	059854	ROSEMONT / Shelburne RPO 3	LON 1R0	1991 04 29 / 1991 05 22	Rosemont Gen. Store
***	***	***	059420	ROSEMONT RO	LON 1R0	1991 05 22 / 2000 09 30	Rosemont PO & Gen. Store, Hwy 89
***	***	***	425001	ROSEMONT / Rosemont / Postal Outlet	LON 1R0	2000 10 01 / open	Rosemont PO & Gen. Store, 508563 Hwy 89

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MOON	MOON	RC#	RC#		CODE	[DATED POSTMARK]	
***	4343	335452		SHELBURNE	LON 1S0	1865 09 01 / open	131 First Ave. East
***	***	***	410225	SHELBURNE RO	LON 1S0	1990 02 21 / c.1995	Crest Hardware Store, 120 Main Street East
***	4491	***		TERRA NOVA	n/a	1891 09 01 / 1967 10 31	replaced by Lisle RR2
***	4840	***		WALDEMAR	n/a	1870 01 01 / 1969 05 31	



Orton RO, 173622, functioned for a short period. Delivery was replaced by Super Mailboxes, further service was provided by the franchise at Marsville, **ORTON RO, 430005**.

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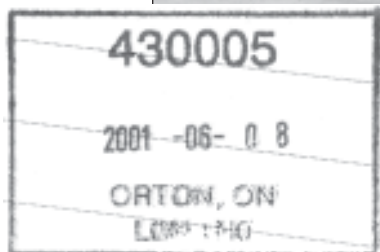


Orangeville RO operated out of Mono Mills Food Town on Airport Rd. It opened May 31, 1989. COURTESY OF George Power



Orton RO, 430005
A disgruntled patron is leaving the franchise.

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MOON	MOON	RC#	RC#	CODE	[DATED POSTMARK]	ANECDOTAL NOTE	
	***	2036	396494	ALLENFORD	N0H 1A0	1868 03 01 / open	7839 Hwy 21, {prev. 4 Elizabeth Street}
78079	***	***	***	ANNAN [prev. Speedie]	N0H 1B0	1874 05 01 / >1966	
	***	2067	390062	ANNAN [prev. Speedie]	N0H 1B0	<1973 / 2006 06 16	General Store (1975 06 04); 303214 Grey Rd. 20 (1994 10 17)
	***	***	390062	ANNAN	N0H 1B0	2006 06 19 / open	439014 Lakeshore Dr. (2006)
	***	2121	390186	AYTON	N0G 1C0	1857 03 01 / open	525 Louisa Street
	***	2136	390208	BADJEROS	N0C 1A0	1875 05 01 / 1991 07 16	Badgeros General Store, Main St.
	***	***	410462	BADJEROS / Dundalk RPO 1	N0C 1A0	1989 11 06 / 1991 01 10	Badgeros General Store, Main St.
	***	***	010502	BADJEROS	N0C 1A0	1990 01 11 / 1996 06 23	Badgeros General Store, Main St.
	***	***	252042	BADJEROS	N0C 1A0	1996 06 24 / open	Badgeros General Store, 9th Line (Main St.)
78174	***	***	***	BALACLAVA	n/a	1890 02 01 / 1961 11 30	Store [service now provided by Annan RMD]
	***	2226	390283	BERKELEY	N0H 1C0	1857 01 01 / open	776211 Hwy. 10
	***	2274	390364	BOGNOR [prev. Sydenham Mills]	N0H 1E0	1879 06 01 / open	108 Main St.
78562	***	***	***	CAMPERDOWN	n/a	1887 11 01 / 1964 01 15	only 2 postmasters for the life of PO (father & son)
	***	2486	***	CEDARVILLE	n/a	1861 07 01 / >1954	Store [destroyed by fire 1953 07 12]
78652	***	***	***	CEDARVILLE	n/a	<1959 / 1970 08 04	
	***	2492	***	CEYLON [prev. Flesherton Stn]	n/a	1899 01 01 / 1969 09 30	Store [no further info available]
	***	2506	390836	CHATSWORTH [prev. East Holland]	N0H 1G0	1857 01 01 / open	175 Garafraxa Street
	***	2548	390909	CLARKSBURG	N0H 1J0	1862 09 01 / open	207 Marsh Street
78764	***	***	***	CLAVERING	n/a	1868 02 01 / 1970 01 07	[no further info available]
78898	***	***	***	CRAIGLEITH	n/a	1857 01 01 / 1934 09 17	Store [no further info available]
78898	***	***	***	SINGHAMPTON RO	n/a	1939 07 03 / 1945 08 31	Store [no further info available]
	***	2710	391131	DESBORO	N0H 1K0	1869 09 01 / 1990 10 01	Lot 19, Conc 7 Sullivan Twp.
	***	***	021423	DESBORO RO	N0H 1K0	1990 10 01 / <2001 04	
	***	***	358 274	DESBORO RO	N0H 1K0	<2001 04 / open	The Country Store, 136187 Conc 8, Lot 13, Plan 900
		2720	391158	DOBBINTON	N0H 1L0	1868 02 01 / ??	[not listed on CPC website -- Feb. 2006]
	***	2732	***	DORNOCH (2)	n/a	1880 06 01 / >1954	[from acct (>1954) to non-acct (1959) to acct (1962)]
79073	***	***	***	DORNOCH (2)	n/a	<1959 / 1962	non-accounting status
	***	2732	***	DORNOCH (2)	n/a	1962 / 1969 07 31	accounting status
79085	***	***	***	DROMORE	n/a	1863 08 01 / 1968 11 16	Gen Store owned by PM, Lot 8W, Conc 18, Egremont Twp.
	***	2758	***	DUNCAN	n/a	1870 05 01 / <1954	Hindle's Gen. Store (1945 01 31 'til closing in 1967)
79107	***	***	***	DUNCAN	n/a	>1954 / 1967 06 30	Postal service now provided by RR1 Clarksburg
	***	2762	391239	DUNDALK [prev. Dundalk Station]	N0C 1B0	1885 11 01 / open	111 Main St East
	***	***	010286	DUNDALK RO	N0C 1B0	1989 04 14 / closed ?	320 Main St East
	***	***	385905	DUNDALK RO	N0C 1B0	? / 2002 07 ?	Jug City, 320 Main St East
	***	***	100273	DUNDALK RO	N0C 1B0	2002 07 ? / 2003 07 05	Jung Jug City, 320 Main St East
	***	***	100881	DUNDALK RO	N0C 1B0	2003 07 07 / ?	Barry Blackett, P.O. Box 648
	***	2780	391298	DURHAM [prev. Bentinck (1)]	N0G 1R0	1865 09 01 / open	164 Lambton St. East (Hwy. 4)
	***	***	011215	DURHAM RO	N0G 1R0	1990 02 27 / open	Becker's, 112 Garafraxa St South (Hwy. 6)
79163	***	***	***	EAST LINTON	n/a	1881 06 01 // 1970 09 08	Sarawak Twp. (no additional info available at this time)
	***	2862	***	EUGENIA	n/a	1862 03 01 / 1969 09 30	Store in Artemesia Twp.
	***	***	011460	EUGENIA RO-B	n/a	1990 03 14 / closed ?	
	***	2898	391476	FEVERSHAM	N0C 1C0	1857 09 01 / open	Victoria St East ; Short's Store, 137 River Rd. (1982 08 19)
	***	2910	391506	FLESHERTON [prev. Artemesia]	N0C 1E0	1866 02 01 / open	6 Durham St. (CPC 1960s)
	***	***	011630	FLESHERTON RO	N0C 1E0	1990 03 08 / <2001 04	Magee's Gas Bar, Cty. Road 4
	***	***	412481	FLESHERTON RO	N0C 1E0	<2001 04 / ?	Magee's MiniMart, 125 Collingwood St. East (Hwy. 4)
	***	***	101898	FLESHERTON / Call for Site	N0C 1E0	? / open	Grey 4 Diner, 125 Collingwood St. East (Hwy. 4)
79594	***	***	***	GORING	n/a	1884 06 01 / 1948 06 12	Goring Gen. Store (now served by Markdale RR3)
	***	3137	392014	HANOVER	N4N 2M0	1856 09 01 / ?	501 9th Ave. (1979 01 15)
	***	***	093374	HANOVER	N4N 2M0	? / open	Retail Counter, 501 9th Ave.
	***	***	404837	HANOVER / RPO 1	N4N 2H0	1987 06 15 / 1988 09 16	Hanover Bible Book Music Video, 224 7th Ave.
	***	***	408859	HANOVER / RPO 2	N4N 1N0	1988 11 01 / 1990 10 31	211 10th St.
	***	***	053627	HANOVER / RPO 3	N4N 1P0	1991 12 31 / 1992 04 01	305 10th St.
	***	***	069035	HANOVER / Mid-Town RO	N4N 3T1	1992 05 26 / 2003 03 08	Triangle Discout Store, 318 10th St, Hanover, N4N 1P0
	***	***	084360	HANOVER / East RO	N4N 1M0	1992 08 26 / 1998 07 25	Books Plus, 679B 10th St.
	***	3164	392103	HEATHCOTE [prev. Euphrasia]	N0H 1N0	1861 10 01 / 1988 04 30	Greens Gen. Store, Main Street
	***	3191	392197	HOLLAND CENTRE [prev. Williamsford Station]	N0H 1R0	1886 05 01 / 1991 07 16	Hwy 10
	***	***	405698	HOLLAND CENTRE / Chatsworth RPO 1	N0H 1R0	1988 10 03 / 1989 01 31	Hwy 10
	***	***	408 980	HOLLAND CENTRE RO	N0H 1R0	1989 01 30 / 1992 10 26	Box 182
	***	***	090255	HOLLAND CENTRE RO	N0H 1R0	1992 10 26 / 1992 10 27	likely never opened
	***	3194	392200	HOLSTEIN	N0G 2A0	1863 05 01 / 1987 11 01	Main Street

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MOON	MOON	RC#	RC#		CODE	[DATED POSTMARK]	
***	***	***	405426	HOLSTEIN / Durham RPO 1	N0G 2A0	1987 11 02 / closed ?	Main Street
***	***	***	386952	HOLSTEIN	N0G 2A0	? / closed ?	Holstein General Store, Main Street
***	***	?		HOLSTEIN	N0G 2A0	? / open	Holstein General Store, 392046 Main Street
***	3200	***		HOPEVILLE [2] [prev. Ronaldsay]	n/a	1874 12 01 / 1969 04 30	Hopeville General Store
***	3304	392340		KEMBLE	N0H 1S0	1869 07 01 / open	314896 Grey Rd. 1 (Kemble Rock Rd.)
80238	***	***		KIAWANNA BEACH [so]	n/a	1939 06 15 / 1971 09 15	Private building, Lot 26, Conc 7, St Vincent Twp.
***	3330	***		KILSYTH	n/a	1856 03 01 / <1954	Kilsyth Gen. Store [downgraded to non-acct <1954]
80242	***	***		KILSYTH	n/a	<1954 / 1970 07 21	Kilsyth Gen. Store [downgraded to non-acct <1954]
***	3334	392413		KIMBERLEY	N0C 1G0	1868 04 01 / 1990 07 31	Lot 1, Par 5, Conc 5 (Grey Rd 13) -- Building rented by PM
***	***	***	105767	KIMBERLEY RO	N0C 1G0	1993 05 ? / 1997 03 31	General Store, Grey Rd 13 [now served by Markdale RMD]
80378	3005	391697		LEITH	N0H 1V0	1853 04 01 / 1990 10 01	1035 East Bayshore Rd. [acct >1966]
***	***	***	022691	LEITH / Owen Sound RPO 6	N0H 1V0	1990 10 01 / 1991 07 29	Gen. Store, 1035 East Bayshore Rd.
***	***	***	059730	LEITH RO	N0H 1V0	1991 05 13 / 1994 08 ??	Gen. Store, 1035 East Bayshore Rd.
80579	***	***		LOREE	n/a	1884 04 01 / 1946 04 15	[no further info available]
***	3580	393428		MARKDALE [prev. Cornabuss]	N0C 1H0	1870 06 01 / open	21 Main St West
***	***	***	010715	MARKDALE RO	N0C 1H0	1990 03 22 / closed	Mer-Car Dept. Store, 38 Main Street
***	***	***	412104	MARKDALE / Call for Site	N0C 1H0	? / open	Stedman's V&S, 38 Main Street
***	3588	***		MARMION	n/a	1890 07 01 // 1950 06 30	[no further info available]
***	3606	393444		MAXWELL	N0C 1J0	1861 09 01 / 1988 07 04	Lot 11, Conc. 6 Osprey Twp.
***	***	***	406090	MAXWELL / Flesherton RPO 1	N0C 1J0	1988 07 04 / 1991 06 10	[no further info available]
***	***	***	062987	MAXWELL RO	N0C 1J0	1991 06 10 / >1994 09 19	[no further info available]
***	***	***	168637	MAXWELL RO	N0C 1J0	1994 ? / 1998 08 30	Dixie's Gen. Store & P.O., Hwy 4
***	***	***	345733	MAXWELL RO	N0C 1J0	1998 08 31 / open	Dixie's Gen. Store & P.O., Hwy 4
***	3614	393452		MEAFORD	N4L 1A0	1865 05 01 / open	25 Trowbridge St. West
***	***	***	405388	MEAFORD RPO 1	N4L 1A0	1987 10 05 / 1988 05 31	Jim's ValuMart, Hwy 26 East
***	***	***	012645	MEAFORD RO	N4L 1P3	1990 03 23 / 1998 02 ??	Becker's Milk at 136 Sykes St North
***	***	***	012645	MEAFORD	N4L 1A0	1998 02 ?? / 1998 08 10	Mac's Milk, 334 Sykes St South (same owners as Becker's)
***	3766	***		NEUSTADT	N0G 2M0	1857 01 01 / 1991 07 16	425 Mill Street
***	***	***	010243	NEUSTADT RO	N0G 2M0	1989 11 11 / open	Granny's Grocery, 501 Mill Street
***	***	***	010456	NEUSTADT / Hanover RPO 3	N0G 2M0	1990 01 01 / 1990 01 02	[likely never opened]
81043	***	***		NORTH KEPPEL	n/a	1863 07 01 / 1970 05 09	Store, Lot 38 (1947 11 18)
***	3975	394017		OWEN SOUND [prev. Owen's Sound]	N4K 2K0	1856 ? / open	901 3rd Ave. East
***	***	***	053430	OWEN SOUND / Operations: priority courier	N4K 2K0	< 1997 12 10 >	901 3rd Ave. East
***	3978	***		OWEN SOUND / Sub Brookholm [prev. Brookholm][ren. Sub 1]	n/a	1918 05 01 / 1951 05 14	Store, 2199 4th Ave. West
***	3977	***		OWEN SOUND / Sub 1	n/a	1957 06 01 // closed	Meat & Grocery Store, 2199 4th Ave. West
***	3977	394025		OWEN SOUND / Sub 1	N4K 4X0	1962 10 23 / 1975 01 24	1803 4th Ave West
***	***	***	394025	OWEN SOUND / Sub 1	N4K 4X0	1979 05 07 // 1981 10 10	1020 10th Street West
***	***	***	404845	OWEN SOUND / RPO 1	N4K 4X0	1987 06 01 / 1988 11 30	S.J. Lottery Kiosk, 1020 10th Street West
***	***	***	409065	OWEN SOUND / RPO 3	N4K 4X0	1988 12 14 / ?	Grey County Mall, 1020 10th Street West
***	***	***	162809	OWEN SOUND / GMO 3	N4K 4X0	? / 1996 06 30	Grey County Mall, 1020 10th Street West
***	3979	394033		OWEN SOUND / Sub 2	N4K 1Z0	1957 06 01 / 1977 05 16	804 16th St East
***	***	***	394033	OWEN SOUND / Sub 2	N4K 1Z0	1978 01 01 / ?	804 16th St East
***	***	***	?	OWEN SOUND / RPO 2	N4K 1Z0	1987 02 01 / 1989 11 01	Jack Lyall's Dairy Bar, 04 16th St East
***	***	***	011800	OWEN SOUND / RPO 5	N4K 1Z0	1989 11 01 / ?	Graham's Dairy Bar, 04 16th St East
***	3983	394041		OWEN SOUND / Sub 3	N4K 3R0	1963 10 04 / 1977 09 12	763 10th St West
***	***	***	394041	OWEN SOUND / Sub 3	N4K 3R0	1977 12 08 / 1979 05 02	[no further info available]
***	3984	394068		OWEN SOUND / Sub 4	N4K 1G0	1963 10 02 / 1977 08 18	685 6th St East
***	***	***	394068	OWEN SOUND / Sub 4	N4K 1G0	1977 12 07 / 1979 04 30	[no further info available]
***	***	***	166715	OWEN SOUND / GMO 5	N4K 6N7	? / 1996 06 30	Heritage Mall, 1350 16th St East
***	***	***	357553	OWEN SOUND / RO 5	N4K 6W9	? / April-June 2001	VR Variety, 890 25th St East
***	***	***	?	OWEN SOUND / RO 5	N4K 6W9	? / ?	Bayview Variety, 890 25th St East
***	***	***	386863	OWEN SOUND / RO 3	N4K 4K4	? / ?	All We Are Variety, 1606 4th Ave West
***	***	***	101563	OWEN SOUND / Call for Site	N4K 4K4	2005 02 ?? / open	Snacks Plus Variety, 1606 4th Ave West
***	***	***	409073	OWEN SOUND / RPO 4	N4K 2H7	? / ?	Parker's Pharmacy, 1050 2nd Ave East
***	***	***	?	OWEN SOUND / RPO 4	N4K 2H7	2001 07 / ?	Rissi-Davies Pharmacy, 1050 2nd Ave East
***	***	***	100613	OWEN SOUND / Call for Site	N4K 1Z4	2003 03 20 / open	Hasti Market, 925 16 St East
81430	***	***		OXENDEN [2]	n/a	1864 05 01 / 1967 06 26	Store [service now provided by Wiarnton RR2]
***	4128	***		PRICEVILLE	N0C 1K0	1852 02 06 / open	Priceville Gen. Store, 162 Kincardine St.
***	4132	394319		PROTON STATION	N0C 1L0	1886 05 11 / 1991 07 16	Store, Lot 2, Twp. Proton, Main Street
***	***	***	067318	PROTON STATION RO	N0C 1L0	1991 07 24 / ?	RR2 Proton [service now provided from Dundalk PO]
***	4153	***		RAVENNA	N0H 2E0	1864 06 01 / open	Ravenna General Store, 495972 Grey Rd. 2
81864	***	***		REDWING	n/a	1880 03 01 / 1966 03 31	Redwing General Store [service now provided by RR1 Clarksburg]
***	4194	***		ROCKLYN	n/a	1875 06 01 / <1954	Residence
81911	***	***		ROCKLYN	n/a	<1954 / 1970 07 21	Gen. Store
***	***	***	021504	ROCKLYN (Kimberley) RO	N0H 1Y0	1990 09 25 / ?	Rocklyn Gen. Store

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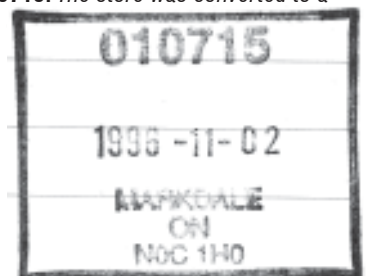
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***	***	***	409154	SINGHAMPTON / Flesherton RPO 2	N0C 1M0	1989 04 24 / 1989 04 25	(likely never opened)
***	***	***	409413	SINGHAMPTON RO	N0C 1M0	1989 04 01 / > JAN 21 1997	Singhampton-Ferris Enterprises, Main St. (Hwy. 24)
***	***	***	286389	SINGHAMPTON RO	N0C 1M0	< 2001 04 / ?	Singhampton Gas Bar, Main St (Hwy 124)
***	***	***	343552	SINGHAMPTON RO	N0C 1M0	< 2001 06 08 / > 2002 03 27	Singhampton Gas Bar, Main St (Hwy 124)
***	4502	395137		THORNBURY	N0H 2P0	1853 11 01 / 2001 04 30	17 Bruce Street
***	***	395137		THORNBURY	N0H 2P0	2001 05 01 / open	4 Arthur Street West
***	4813	***		VARNEY	n/a	1869 10 01 / 1969 08 30	PM's residence
***	4853	395331		WALTERS FALLS	N0H 2S0	1855 04 01 / 1991 07 16	Victoria St.
***	***	***	408867	WALTERS FALLS / Chatsworth RPO 2	N0H 2S0	1988 12 01 / 1989 04 03	[no further info available]
***	***	***	409324	WALTERS FALLS RO	N0H 2S0	1989 04 01 / 1990 06 18	[no further info available]
***	***	***	015288	WALTERS FALLS RO	N0H 2S0	1990 07 02 / ?	Front & Victoria Streets
***	***	***	349593	WALTERS FALLS RO-B	N0H 2S0	1999 / 2001 03	The Store, 136 Victoria Street
***	***	***	429775	WALTERS FALLS RO-B	N0H 2S0	2001 03 ?? / 2002 02 23	The Store, 136 Victoria Street
***	***	***	100058	WALTERS FALLS RO-B	N0H 2S0		
***	***	***	100053	WALTERS FALLS RO-B	N0H 2S0	2002 02 25 / 2003 04 17	The Store, 136 Victoria Street
***	***	***	101826	WALTERS FALLS / Call for Site	N0H 2S0	? / open	Med-Rx, 113 Victoria St (Call for Site)
***	4926	***		WILLIAMSFORD [prev. Sullivan]	N0H 2V0	1886 05 01 / open	Elliott's Pro Hardware Store, 316079 Hwy 6, Lot 18, Conc. 1, Holland Twp.
83773	***	***		WOODFORD	n/a	1852 08 06 / 1964 08 13	[no further information available]
***	4960	394424		WOODFORD	?	1964 08 13 / 1973 08 17	[no further information available]
***	4355	394815		SINGHAMPTON [prev. Mortimer]	N0C 1M0	1859 07 01 / 1989 04 24	Melancthon St.



What started out as Magee's Gas Bar (Flesherton RO, 011630) on Hwy 4, just east of Flesherton, changed in 2001 to Magee's MiniMart (Flesherton RO 412481). Since then it has become a Canada Post "Call-for Site" for patron's to pick up their parcels. This necessitated yet another change to FLESHERTON 101898, operated by the folks at Grey 4 Diner, out of the same location.



Markdale's Mer-Car Dept. Store, 38 Main Street across from the post office, was home to the Markdale RO, 010715. The store was converted to a Stedman's V&S and the post office for Site" with the number 412104.



Editor's Word

By now most of our members will be wondering what happened to this issue. We must apologize for this delay and hope to do some catch-up in the coming months. There are times when things just don't seem to be falling into place at the right moment. This was one of those times.

We welcome with this issue Fred Turner of Durham to our study group. Our hopes are that he will enjoy the workings of this study group.

To make this group function I request that more of you share your information, share your thoughts and stories, that may be of interest to all of us. We can always use more articles, new ideas, some interesting tales. The postal scene is never stagnant and many changes are taking place. We need readers to spot these changes and write them down. The pages on the Canada Post Organization Numbers are a perfect example. They may appear to be complete, they may contain more information than you realized, but let me assure you that there are many questions that need to be answered, many dates that need to be filled in, and yes, there are franchises that have slipped through the cracks and are not recorded. I challenge everyone of you to help make this project more accurate. Next issue we will have Bruce and Simcoe Counties.

One last request, if you have an e-mail address, please let us know. It would help smooth communications and may provide quick answers. Thanks

Gus Knierim, editor, knierim@bmts.com

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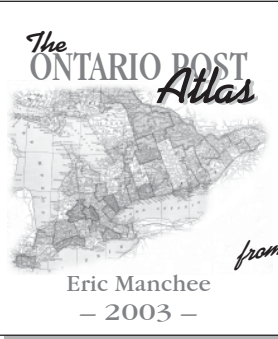
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