

BANDA

Banda is located at the corner of the Mulmur/Nottawasaga townline and the 6th line, east of Hurontario street. This name was selected by the first Postmaster, John Clemenger, from a map of the East Indies where the Banda Islands and Banda Sea are located.

A Mr. Little arrived in the area of Banda (Avening) in the 1830's and worked at the mill in Airlie for Mr. J.B. Smith.

Mr. John Lott settled Lot 2, Con. 4, in the spring of 1845 along with his grandfather, Duff. The Wilcoxs, Beattys and Clemengers came soon after.

A log school was erected in the 1850's. S.S. # 6 was built in 1857.

John Clemenger came to Lot 32 in 1851 and was approinted Postmaster in 1860. By 1864 the population had reached 50. James Bruce was the school teacher.

1869 saw many trades people like Neil Bain, carpenter; John Clemenger, wagonmaker; Thomas Cloughley, blacksmith; Robert Flack, farmer; Henry Graham, merchant; Joseph Hood, merchant; William Lattimer, farmer; William Little, cabinetmaker; Hug Munro, carpenter; John Perry, carpenter; John Thomas and George Walker both farmers.

Christ Church, Banda was built in 1865. By 1890 there were

Presbyterian, Methodist and Episcopal Churches.

Orange Lodge # 426 was organized circa 1870 and a hall was erected. It served a very large area and by the '80's had 60 members.

J.D. Carveth was the Postmaster in 1890 and the community enjoyed daily mail as well as a daily stage to Glencairn, fare 25 cents. Residents in the area now included such families as: Beatty, Bell, Campbell, Carveth, Campbell, Clark, Clemenger, Daniels, Duff, Gowan, Hortopp, Lindsay, Millsop, Montgomery, Morrow, Potter, Richmond, Sheppard, Stewart, Tracey, Wilcox. An agricultural fair was held in Banda as early as the 1860's.