



KILGORIE

Kilgorie was settled at the junction of the Centre Road (Huronario Street) and the 15th sideroad of Mulmur Township on the Pine River.

William Clark Street had a crown deed for 2 hundred acres, lot 17, concession 1 E.H.S. in November 1859 but was not a permanent resident it appears.

The Lloyd Family made their way from the King District of Ontario to develop this area. James came in 1863 and built a log house on part of lot 19. This building still stands.

Benjamin and his wife arrived in 1867 followed by William in 1868.

At this time Kilgorie was named after an Irish town as a joke on the settlers who were mostly English and Scottish.

Newton Maw acquired the west half of lot 19 in 1872 and later in 1881 became the first Post Master. His widow followed in that position and then Joseph Gallagher, Mary Lloyd and Thomas Dorsey until the post office closed in 1914. Other settlers at the time were Hoare Frees, Thomas Dorsey, Justice of the Peace and John Allen.

A road was surveyed from Terra Nova to Whitfield by Mr. McNabb. Later the road known as River Road was surveyed to Horning's Mills.

1859 brought Thomas Huxtable who acquired the river rights and the adjoining land of lot 15 from H. Free. He built a dam and power plant which for a while supplied Horning's Mills.

At first students had to attend Beach Valley School or Whitfield but in 1875 the settlers wanted their own school and one was built as a supplementary school to Whitfield on lot 16, south east corner and the 15th sideroad deviation. Rules at the time stipulated that each pupil had to have so many square feet in the school yard.

Mr. Stewart was the teacher and Robert Gordon the Inspector. These gentlemen quarrelled so often during the years that England and Egypt were at war that the pupils promoted them

to generals and the school was nicknamed "Old Eygpt". In 1908 plans were underway for their own school division and a new school, S.S. # 15, was built on the south east corner of lot 16 est of Prince of Wales Road. Money was borrowed from Mrs. Ben Lloyd to finance this project. The enrollment was 29 pupils.

The School Board was H. Free, Ben Lloyd and W. J. Wrigglesworth. Mr. W. J. Dorsey was the Secretary, Miss Neville, the teacher and Bill Exelby, the janitor.

By 1890, Kilgorie's population was 60, they enjoyed tri-weekly mail and boasted of 2 churches, Episcopalian and Methodist, a common school, 2 saw mills and shingle mills.

Business owners were: Thomas Dorsey, J. S. Gallagher, John Laskin, J. H. Lloyd and John Scriber.

One of the oldest farms on lot 28, Centre Road has been in the Lloyd family for over 100 years and is currently owned by a great-grandson of the original owner.