

LAVENDER

Since 1837

Originally called Masten's Corners, Lavender grew to include a hotel, stores, post office, blacksmith shop, cheese factory, Temperance lodge and 2 churches. Only 5 houses and a church remain.

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This agricultural community was located on the Mulmur-Nottawasaga townline at the juncture with the Centre Road. Many think the name originated from Lavender Hill, Battersea, London, England. Others credit the name to the abundance of sweet smelling flowers in the area.

Israel Masten opened a hotel on the Mulmur side in 1837. Part of this building still serves as a farm house for the Davidson family.

The first Post Office, in 1860, was called Masten's Corners with Mr. Masten as the first Post Master as he was the owner of the first team of horses in the area. Benjamin Heaslip succeeded him. The name Lavender was adopted in the same year. At this time the community consisted of a hotel, stores, Post Office, blacksmith shop, the Sons of Temperance Lodge Hall, 2 churches and a cheese factory. Local farmers provided the milk. In 1862, the Dickson and Flack cheese factory was in operation, another blacksmith, a veterinary surgeon, namely Robert Lackey, and carpenter George Anderson were part of the settlement.

By 1864 the population was listed at 30 and grew to 120 by 1871. Names on the register included William Anderson, Isaac Allen, James Coe, John Crawford, Oliver Decker, John Dixon, James Ferris, Rev. Thomas Foster, James Galbraith, James Givins, William Hair, Robert Hamilton, John Hawkins, George Hodgkinson, Richard Hutchison, William Johnston, Robert Kirby, George Lawrence, Richard Long, Peter McHaffie, John McNichol, Israel Bowerman Masten, Lewis Masten, Peter Masten, Edward Matchet, Thomas Milsap, Robert Noble, John Pratt, Rev. Richard Redeoff, Joseph Scot, James Shaw, Samuel Walden, George Weatherall, James Weatherall, Joseph Weatherall, William Weatherall, William Wilkinson, James Willson. Five farms in the community still remain in the same family: Anderson, Brett, Hawkins, Johnston and Martin. The Methodist Church still remains along with the cemetery.

