

ROOKERY CREEK

Since 1873 - 1887

Site of Parkhill & Smith lumber mills,
purchased by Henry brothers.
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many homes, a Methodist church,
general store, boarding house and
an Orange lodge.

1851



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The settlement of Rookery Creek grew up on the 6th line (now Airport Road) and the 20th sideroad just to the south of the community of Randwick. These were the sites of saw mills and moved to follow the availability of the pine forests.

A mill was built at Rookery Creek in 1870 by an unknown builder and was purchased in 1873 by William and Robert Henry, who operated it until 1887.

Rookery Creek boasted of two thoroughfares, Main Street and Turkey Run.

The close proximity with Randwick allowed the two communities to enjoy a self sustained settlement, 37 homes, a Methodist Church, an Orange Hall, Mrs. Parkhill's general Store, and the Dickson's boarding house.

W.J. Parkhill became the manager of the mill, along with the assistance of John Bridal and Alex Ferris. The mill was run by a 60 horsepower steam engine and the lumber was taken to Lisle for distribution.

Prominent names at that time were Black, Collins, Atkinson, Bates, Greer, Bavair and Fleming. The blacksmith was Tom McGaw.