

RUSKVIEW

Since 1848

Situated on a bluff overlooking the Pine River Valley. Joseph Lennox was the first settler to purchase crown land. By 1883, Robert Reid built a house and blacksmith shop and was appointed first postmaster. Named for early settler Wm. Rusk.

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Ruskview situated on the highest bluff overlooking the Pine River Valley commands a wonderful vista at the corner of the 2nd Line and the 25 Sideroad. The scenic location and the fact that William Rusk, was an early resident, combined to give the village its name. Until 1875 it was called Black Bank. Then this village moved along about 1 & 1/2 miles to the west. Mail arrived in Ruskview twice a week from Honeywood, 4 miles to the west courtesy of Seymour Newell, aged 15. Seymour either walked or rode a horse.

In 1880, a store and house were built on an acre of land bought from Mr. Newell by Robert Reid. Mr. Reid wanted to improve the mail delivery and thus petitioned the government for a Post Office. This opened in 1880, Mr. Reid became the Post Master and the village was named Ruskview.

The store and post office were later sold to Thomas Farley. A second blacksmith shop opened near the spring, owner Robert Rinn. His brother Joseph farmed in the area. Mr. Newell continued on the southwest corner. Mrs. Rusk operated the post office for a number of years.

The early 1890's brought the present school and the Orange Lodge followed in 1908.

Many Rusk grandchildren settled in the area as did the children of many other early settlers. Lot # 29, Concession 4 was secured by crown deed in 1848 by Joseph Lennox. This land ownership continues into the third generation. Other prominent names in the vicinity are Perry, Leven, Orr and Allen.