

Sturgeon Point is reported to be the oldest summer resort in this "neck of the woods". An English gentleman named Dunsford established the Bee Hive Summer resort and the Village of Dunsford was named after this pioneer.

Percy Skitch and his brother Herb pioneered Thurstonia Park with Percy Skitch as the owner at one time of the Thurstonia Hotel which was originally the Swastika, a name that was quickly changed because the name was associated with Germany and Germans during the War.

A pioneer farmer named George Hayes was the owner of the summer resort of Pleasant Point and a well known Lindsay business man named Tom Tilly was the founder of Snug Harbor, a summer burg which today is coupled with Lunge Haven. Mr. Tilly was known to many as the Manager of the Lindsay Bell Telephone branch, several decades ago. "Tom", as he was familiarly called, was the first on the east side of the lake to have a gasoline propelled boat. It is stated that he made the trip to Lindsay day in and day out and carried his lunch basket.

Snug Harbor was fronted by tall and massive weeds and cat tails and oodles of stumps and sunken logs but was haven for all kinds of fish. The first cottagers include Bill Keys, a tinsmith; Fre Reeves, a Lindsay policeman and later a pool room proprietor; James Davis, also a member of the Lindsay constabulary and Fred Thomas, a Lindsay dealer for the Hupmobile Automotive firm; Alex Ross, a government employee in charge of building locks and dams and father of Dr. John Ross on Kent Street west, also had a cottage at Snug Harbor.

Lunge Haven, now part of the resort, was well named as the area once abounded with hundreds of muskies. The name was supplied by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Franz of Cleveland who set up a small dining room and two or three cabins. For many years this resort attracted fishermen from the United States and beautiful piscatorial beauties were shipped back to the States.

Residents of the area recall the names of Hank Neddo and Raney Burke, who were the faithful men who kept the light houses glowing in the dark to light up the water for miles distant when the winding Scugog was a challenge to boat owners as they steered their way through narrow open channels.

The old Hamilton farm has witnessed the change when there were only a few cottages until today there are dozens of fine summer homes. The Flinns have lived on the same farm for many years and other neighbors included the Greens, the Briens the Endicotts and others. These former neighbors included Dr. Brien who became a leading medical man at Windsor and in the Western Ontario area and Wes. Greer who was a popular insurance agent in Lindsay.

"The landscape has changed, the cottagers have greatly increased, the fishing is not as prolific," said Mr. Hamilton, "but the people are just as friendly and the atmosphere is the best. Snug Harbor and

Lunge Haven still continue to be one of Fenelon Township's best resorts."

Snug Harbor has had a number of accidents and mishaps but the biggest and saddest was the one which claimed the lives of two Lindsay business men and fishermen. One was Allan Gillies, the publisher of the Watchman - Warder and the other a young Lindsay barber named Hall.

The two men were returning to Snug Harbor following a fishing trip and the printed story at the time relates that the craft was nearing shore when a submerged log was rammed, the boat upset and the two men were plunged into the water and weeds.

Gillies, a tall muscular man, reached shore, but when he discovered that his friend who was a stout individual and a non-swimmer was not in his wake, Gillies is reported to have taken off his wet coat, which was found on shore, plunged back into the weedy water and went to rescue his friend. It was a hopeless, but heroic effort that ended in a tragic double drowning.

When the story was recorded reporters said that Gillies lost his life in the effort to save his friend.