

Salem was a word often heard in days of yore. Originally a Bible word and once in-a-while preachers used the word when orating behind the pulpit and church goers heard about "the Mothers of Salem." There happens to be an area known as Salem in the western part of Mariposa township and the old Salem church is still used once a year.

It is not generally known that the county road running along the 14th of Emily ran past Salem, Emily. The old 14th was at one time a very busy corduroy road of bumpy logs over which farmers drove horses on the then long trail to Port Hope where they sold their grain and hauled back to the log cabin on the farm crushed grain to feed the animals.

Once upon a time the places along the road were known as Millersmith, Foxs' Corners and Downeyville, the latter hamlet always being the centre of attraction. Hard-working pioneers of the 14th district included the Vout's, Patrick's, Perdues, O'Brien's, Downey's and others. Five generations of the highly respectable family of Ashmore's still have their roots in the Ashmore farm.

Aside from the old family names associated with the

area, the Roman Catholic people always maintained a strong foothold in the township and the old R. C. Church is one of the traditional landmarks.

Many readers who recall Downeyville in by-gone days remember a fine native son by the name of O'Brien, who resided in a log home east of the village. O'Brien was one of the first natives of the district to own a Model T. Ford and until he passed on his pride and joy was the Model T".

While the Roman Catholic brethren were strong in numbers they had the finest relations with neighbors who were equally strong Orangemen and it will be remembered that one of the largest and best dressed Orange Lodges assembled on the 14th line of Emily.

The Downey's were well known and highly respected, and it is understood that they were Protestants who had many staunch friends of the R. C. Persuasion. Rev. Father Fitzpatrick, O'Brien, and others had many friends among the Protestants. The one time R. C. annual fowl supper catered to as many Protestants as Catholics and the intermingling has continued to be good for the community.

The Village "Smithy" was for years a wholesome gathering place and it is stated that a gentleman named Dorgan is still relied on for certain types of the blacksmith work.

An interesting sidelight on the Downeyville story is the fact that a well known former lock master in Lindsay, Richard Abercrombie was engaged by the Orangemen of Downeyville to toot the picalo Orange Parades in Lind-