

Pleasant Point, one of the summer resorts on Sturgeon Lake, dates back prior to 1861 and the founder was a fine and upright gentleman by the name of John Hay, owner of a farm and an expanse of tall timber on the shore of Sturgeon Lake. This pioneer married a young woman by the name of Tweedie, a name which was associated with Tweedie's Bay, now known as Kennedy Bay.

A pioneer resident of the area. Miss Rose Hay, of Spruce Lawn Lodge in Lindsay was congratulated recently on the occasion of her 93rd birthday.

The name Hay was well and favourably known when John Hay built a large red brick house which now stands on the highway leading to the resort. John Hay cleared the land, was a successful tiller of the soil and the father of a fine family of girls and boys.

On the occasion of her ninety-third birthday Miss Rose Hay recalled the hardships, as well as the joys and pleasures of bygone days — the days when tall trees were felled to the ground and huge stumps moved to the fences and piles of stones were dumped into rail fence corners.

Piece by piece, lot by lot changed ownership along the lake and following the first cottage built by a man named Hall, the shore line became lined with small frame cottages and as the resort grew in popularity, the resort extended its boundaries, and a row of cottages sprung up to the left of the old wharf and the place where the first river steamers once docked. A brother of Miss Hay, William, built a small store, actually on the right side of the wharf, and this was also the post office.

Miss Hay at one time recalled the days when the first Church service was held in a cottage on the lake front, near the old wharf and the day when a large scow sank near the wharf, a spot where fishermen of today often frequent.

Memories recalled the time a band of Indians had a camp on the Point, where the Moynes cottage is today. The men fished and the women sold beautiful hand made baskets.

Miss Hay is still the owner of a cottage on the lake front and well remembers when her brother-in-law Reuben Morgan, a Lindsay druggist, built Pleasant Point Inn at the present Government Wharf.

Pioneer residents at the Point included Rev. Mr. Hueston, minister at Cambridge Street Baptist Church, Matt.

Sisson a Lindsay shoe merchant, Miss Maud Morton a Lindsay photographer, the Tucker family, Delbert Irvin, Dr. Herb. Irvine, Mrs. Cook who spends her summers at the lake, Miss Benson, of Bethany whose cottage is still located on the south road, Capt. Bowman the queen's printer, Karl Sylvester's cottage, the Grace Mitchell cottage.

The Sisson store and cottage. Conductor Thompson's cottage and Delbert Adams cottage. Many years have rolled by and the pioneers have passed on, but in many respects Miss Hay is still interested in retrospect history and her friends wish for her happiness and good health on her way to her Century birthday.