

Park Head Post Office

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Our sources of information for this history are our oldest resident, Mrs. James Longmire, formerly Annie E. Lewis, daughter of the late Henry Lewis, one of the earliest settlers; and also from a paper given at a meeting of Park Head Women's Institute at Mrs. David Berry's home in 1930 by the late Mrs. B. C. Ashcroft, a daughter of M. Simpson, the first settler of Amabel.

Mrs. Longmire tells us that the first post-office was a hollow tree at the corner of the fifth Concession and the County Line. Whoever was first to go to Owen Sound took the letters to be mailed.

Mrs. Ashcroft's information was from her father's diary and tells us that the first mention of a post-office was December 1st, 1865 when a petition was circulated to have a post-office established. On August 13th 1866 forms were circulated and received from the postal Department to establish an office here. It was named Park Head after Mrs. Simpson's birthplace in Scotland. Mr. Simpson was the first post master and the office was in his home until his removal to Warton as lands agent. It is believed that before the arrival of a train to Park Head, that the mail was brought from Hepworth, probably meeting a stage from Owen Sound to Warton at Hepworth. East Arran, seven or eight miles distant was the nearest office, before the opening of the office here.

Mr. James Pattison followed Mr. Simpson as post master, as well as mail carrier. The Pattisons