

Keppel township sideroad from Owen Sound, from where it received its mail.

side of which is now Highway 6 and the county road from Owen Sound, from where it received its mail.

Park Head post office was also opened in 1866 on the west Or Amabel twp. Side of the present Hwy 6 at the 6th concession road. Until then residents picked up their mail and left it in a cavity in a hollow tree where travelers picked up or placed mail for them. It was named for the birthplace in Scotland of the wife of its first settler William Simpson. Also named after a place in Scotland, by David Reed, Skipness at the corner of the 4th concession and the 15th sideroad in the same township. He lived in the house where the post office was established in 1868.

The second settler in Amabel township had been James Allen, in 1857. The village of Allenford was surveyed as his land in 1867 took the name of its founder and its post office was established in 1868, as the present Highway 21, at the sideroad next to Lot 10.

At the head of Colpoy's Bay, Wiarton town lots were not offered for sale until 1868, although James Lennox had built a log shanty there two years earlier. The absence at first of a wharf resulted in the nucleus of the town being built on top of the hill, on Gould Street. There B. Miller built a hotel and opened the post office. Wiarton received its name from the birthplace of Sir Edmund Walker Head, Governor General there who was born at Wiarton Place near Maidstone Keirt. After wharfs were constructed and mills built below the hill, business moved to Berford Street, the present main street.

At the time Clavering was opened, at the corner of the 16th concession road of Keppel with Hwy 6. In the early 1870's Keppel Township added Cruickshank, as the diagonal county road to Shallow Lake, at its corner, with the sideroad at lot 10, and Kemble, at the corner of the 20th concession road and the 40th sideroad.

In the original survey of Amabel township, two town plots were laid out, are Wiarton, the other Oliphant, at the westerly terminus of the North Diagonal Road which runs parallel to and 2 ½ miles north of the Shallow Lake Road, from Owen Sound to Lake Huron. It was named after Lawrence Oliphant, who in 1854, as Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs, negotiated with the Indians their surrender of the Saugeen Peninsula. John Hutchison opened the Oliphant in