

Adamsville Tweedsmuir History

The community of Adamsville got its name from the first post-master, Mr. Adams who kept the first post office. There was also a general store, school, & Presbyterian church. About two miles north, was a hotel called the Halfway House, where the rural mail stage stopped to feed or change their horses, as it was half way between Wiarton, and Lions Head. However with the coming of motor cars, this business closed up about 1920 & the building tore down. Mr. & Mrs. Tom Waugh were the last proprietors.

The General store was run by Mr. & Mrs. Alvin Ward in the 1930s, then the Adams family operated store, & service station, till the 1950s, when it finally closed up.

The Presbyterian church joined with the Union in 1925, and became known as the Adamsville United Church. About the same time it was made a mission church with Cape Croker and Purple Valley, and was served by a missionary who resided at Cape Croker. Many splendid ministers came to us from the mission field, but with the changing times, & young people leaving the farm, there were many empty pews in the little country church. As a result the final service was preached on June 11, 1967, with Rev. Crawford, assisted by Rev. Hunter from Toronto, who was student minister at Adamsville, 53 years before, so Adamsville church was no more.

The Adamsville school, built in 1890, & named S.S. No. 3 Albemarle, saw many a brilliant student start out in the world. In the 1940s, a school area was formed, & all the schools in the township were run by five trustees, till 1967, when all Albemarle pupils were transported by bus, to a consolidated school in Wiarton. The community then purchased the building and renamed it, The Adamsville Community Centre.

Around the 1920s, a prosperous saw mill was opened by the Vogt family, on the corner, north of Adamsville, and a mile south, Mr. Fred Balls worked in his blacksmith shop as early as 1880.

In the early 1900s, Gillies Telephone System opened up a new life for many farmers, and many homes were equipped with telephones. In the 1930s, Taylors bought out the Gillies system, till June, 1966, when Bell took over, and installed the dial system.

In 1934 the Womens Institute was formed, and through the years has made the community a better place, by sponsoring 4.H. groups, short courses, helping fire victims, ect.

The Post-office served the community from 1899, to 1915, when rural mail was begun. With the coming of hydro in 1939, farm work has been made much easier. Most homes still burn wood for heat, of which there is still plenty in the community.

The Adamsville Tweedsmuir history book was started in 1963, although research began two years before.

The first Curator's were Mrs. James Drury and Mrs. Howard Crow.