

When rural mail delivery was established in Glasgow, mail for the surrounding districts was brought on the train to the station and distributed by rural mail couriers, a route of 24 miles.

The first mail courier was Angus H. McInnes, who served for many years. Then in 1917 Robert Cherry took over, then James Cherry (and James Carswell) Reid Carswell, Taylor Carswell, Kenneth Gillan and Carswell Simpson who started in 1941.

Cheese Factories

In 1901 the farmers got together and subscribed shares in the building of a cheese factory. Some years before this a factory was built at the 8th line on Peter McIntosh's property, near Glasgow. Croft and Denny Lanark were the owners. They had it moved later to the 6th line near Goshen, so this necessitated the building of another. Milk was brought from Dewars, Lochwinnoch, Stewartville and the surrounding countryside to be manufactured into cheese. Then in the years of World War 1, the price of cheese went down and that of material for making cheese went up, so the factory was sold to James Cox of Pakenham who had the building torn down and moved away.

Industries

In the early days of the district, much weaving was done. Robert Carswell and his sister, Mrs. Andrew Hamilton, who came out from Scotland and Mrs. John H Young who come from Ireland, all owned looms on which heavy woolen cloth, blankets and carpets were woven.

Saw Mills

The first saw mill to operate in Glasgow section was owned by William Miller, on the Dochart Creek, on the farm owned by Andrew Hamilton Sr. It was some little distance from the Sand Point - Burnstown road and was used in cutting shingles. With a large amount of cedar and pine available, it is easy to understand that very many shingles were made and used for roofing all kinds of buildings. Some of the early settlers made their own shingles by hand. A roof of handmade shingles covered a building on the farm of W H Hamilton until very recently when it had to be replaced. Miller's mill operated about the years 1885-86.

John Hamilton and Sons, with their mills, cut both lumber and shingles on their farm on the 6th line. They did custom work and many thousands of shingles were packed and marked John Hamilton & Sons, New Glasgow. There may still be seen old sawdust and decayed material to mark the place where once the hum of the saw could be heard. This mill was operating in the 1890's.

J B Hutson, a resident of Glasgow, set up a sawmill just outside and north of the village. In the years from 1900 on, many logs were turned into lumber, though when he started the supply would be very small. Mr. Hutson also did threshing on the farms every fall. While engaged in this work his life came to a very tragic end. While moving from one farm to another with his heavy engine, a bridge he