



KINLOSS TOWNSHIP: First surveyed 1847(1st. Concession)

By 1852 all of the Township had been surveyed. "Free Grant" land opened for settlement June 1849 and the "Big" land sale was held September 27, 1854. Concession 1 Grants sold for \$2.00 per acre and Concession 2 to 12(crown land) sold for \$1.50 per acre.

The first people in the Township settled on the "Free Grants" in 1850. Some were Joel Eli Stauffer, John and William Shelton, Thomas Hodgins and Mankin Meredith.

At the "Big Sale" some who took up land were Norman Nicholson, Duncan and alexander MacKenzie, Martin MacInnes, John MacDonald, R. Gollan, William, David and John Henderson, Peter Reid, William and J. Tiffin, Alex. Graham, Thomas Harris(Justice of the Peace for a time) and Robert Purvis. Mr. Purvis was one of the prominent men of Bruce for years. He came from Berwickshire in 1850 at age 18. In 1854 he took up farming on Conc. 1 Kinloss where he lived the remainder of his life. He was elected Reeve of Kinloss 1865 and held this office for many, many years. He was also elected Warden of Bruce County three times in succession. He died July 20, 1902.

Kinloss Township took its name from one of the titles of Lord Elgin, Governer-General at the time of the survey. One of his titles was Baron Bruce of Kinloss.