

During these years there had settled a number of families besides those already mentioned, such as the Charbonneaus, Hambleys, Hunts and several others. On the 14th line as it was called were beside Peter Cameron, the Crawfords and Kennedys, the Schales, Coveney, Hurst and Armstrong and later the Ferguson and Pruder families and several others. On what was called the 10th line were the Lawrence, Huck, Chcavins and Whitman families, besides the Craig and Hogue families already mentioned. At the south end of the 10th line were Howes, Rothwells, Robinsons and Pruders.

Charles Watchorn was a good friend of Alex McNeill, M.P. at that time through whose good offices the post office was secured. Mr. McNeill suggested that as the upper settlement post office was called MacIvor after the postmaster, John MacIvor, the new post office be called Watchorn after Charles Watchorn, but Charles Watchorn would have none of it. He pointed out that the name on their Lodge banner was Purple Valley No. 938, and it wouldn't do when they marched on the 12th to come from a place marked differently to that on the banner, so Purple Valley it became and has remained to this day.

Thos. Hambly was the first postmaster and at his death its duties were taken over by Mrs. Sarah A. Charbonneau, who had already started a store. The appointment was a popular one as Mrs. Charbonneau, afterwards Mrs. MacMillan through her second marriage, was widely and favourably known. At a time when telephones were unknown and automobiles not dreamed of and roads were poor, that great lady filled a great need in the community. Mrs. Charbonneau was a lady of untiring energy and a great helper in church work and her memory is still kept green by all who were privileged to know her.

The Methodists and Anglicans both held services in Purple Valley at an early time and both denominations erected churches there, the Methodists about 1887 and the Anglicans some years later.