

Schedule 'C' - Work Permit # KV/10/56  
(Snedden)



Ministry of  
Natural  
Resources

### Authorization of Signs on Public Lands

Under the authority of Section 28 (1) of the Public Lands Act (RSO, 1990), I hereby authorize the erection of the following sign:

A weatherized aluminum historical plaque (3' x 2') mounted on a 3 foot-high steel post with a cement base, with the following wording:

"Blakeney Plaque

When the first Scottish settlers arrived in this area in 1821, they recognized the potential for developing water power to operate mills in the "Bay" area of the Mississippi River. In the first decades, they built a sawmill and gristmill as well as a timber slide that diverted logs from the rapids into the "Bay" and on to calmer water. As well a stopping place at the Ninth Line corner provided lodging for travelers heading north to the lumber camps.

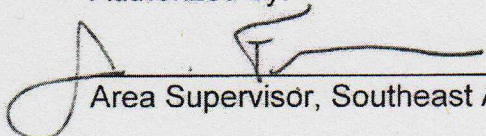
The village [called Norway Pine Falls, Snedden's Mills, Rosebank] finally received the present name of Blakeney in 1874. The railway passed near the village in the early 1860's which helped move supplies so that by the late 1800's, Blakeney was a hive of activity with a flour mill, a large woolen factory, a sawmill, cheese factory, Presbyterian Church and manse, general store & post office. The first bridge, constructed of logs, provided a vital crossing for the Bytown Road was replaced with the present one in 1918.

All that remains of the early industries are some stone foundations. Some of the homes of early workers remain along with many new houses up on the hill creating a pleasant village atmosphere in what is now the Ramsay Ward of the Town of Mississippi Mills.

Erected in 2010 by the Ramsay Women's Institute"  
(With inclusion of provincial MNR logo on bottom left corner)

at: Blakeney Access Point

Authorized by:

  
Area Supervisor, Southeast Area

this 10th day of September 20 10