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Mail was brought from Gilbert's Mills post office to this inn and then taken to Demorestville (at that time it was spelled Demoret's Ville). This was done once a week in 1832. When Mr. Covert sold the inn, the store on that lot was moved over to lot fifty-nine and there F. Gilbert kept post office. Ryerson Bovay then had the inn made into a store and this store still stands, owned by Mrs. A. Ryckman, F. Gilbert sold the post office to B. Philips who later sold it to S. Smith. Post office was then kept by Ryerson Bovay until rural routes came in.

About 1840 a saw-mill was built on lot sixty of Sophiasburg. People brought their logs here from the neighbouring districts to be sawed. It was run by Messrs. G. Munro, S. Munro, Sr., S. Munro, Jr., and W. Munro. A barn and house are still standing, of which the timbers were sawed at this mill. After being in use for some time the contests of this mill were taken to Gilbert's Mills where a mill was set up there.

About 1841, a blacksmith shop was set up on lot sixty, owned first by Mr. D. Salisbury. It was afterwards bought by men in the following order: Messrs. E. Smith, B. Smith, H. Clark, and last run by D. Duetta. This lot was sold to Messrs. A. Bovay and L. Caughey, who built a canning factory. Byron Smith kept both a wood-working shop and a blacksmith shop at Crofton.

The newspaper which was read by the people of this district was called "The Critizer". It was published at Demorestville in 1848. W. Moran was editor and proprietor. It was not printed very long, but in Vol. 1 No. 3, published in March 1848, one could read of the wedding of Samuel Munro and Mary Morden of Crofton.

In 1862 James Redner of Rednersville, built a storehouse for storing grain. Mr. Mitchell took the first grain in and then Mr. Jenks. Mr. Fairman took the last grain in. Large ships stopped here for grain and took it to Oswego. After being in use for many years it was sold to Mr. G. Sprague who now uses it for a summer resort.

In 1872 a brick school house was built on lot sixty of Sophiasburg by Messrs. Mixiam and Rorabeck. The first teacher to teach school in this school was Mr. Terwilliger. An average of sixty attended school. The seats and desks were homemade. In 1924 the school house was moved and made into frame when the highway went through. This is now School Section No. 7 Sophiasburg.

About 1875 a sawing mill and stave mill was built and owned by Mr. W. Foster of Belleville. It was on lot fifty-four. The lumber that was sawed was shipped to Belleville.

Church was always held in the school house. It was Methodist religion. In 1909 the hall was built at Crofton and church has been held there every since.

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