

Cameron Bay played an important role in the pioneer settlement of this area. This shallow bay was the landing spot of the early surveyors, who blazed out the roadway to Lake Nipissing.

The name is derived from Colonel Angus Cameron, who came in 1865, and he held the government contract to build the portion of the Nipissing Rd. from the bay to the point where it crossed the Parry Sound Rd., then known as the Great Colonization Rd.

He cleared some land, built a shanty and named his home Glen Nevis.

The following are names of some of the settlers who came in 1866-69: Slade,

Phinney, Druin, Dawson, Best, Milne, Beley, Thomas, Stoneman, Magau,

Gshclawen, Draycott, Lambert, Knight,

McC Gary, Meisenheimer, Bray,

Shuttleworth, Evans, Lorimer and Martin.

Also Hitchcock, Alexander, Heighton, Pratt and Peacock.

The majority of the early settlers came into this region because of the free land grant. Some were attracted by the topography - the lakes, rivers and rolling hills which reminded them of their homeland. Little attention seems to have been given to the type of land and its value to agricultural purposes.

They were a mixed lot of tradesmen, from farmers to carpenters, shoemaker, stonemason, shopkeeper, wagon and sleigh