

MEDINA

The first settlers at Medina according to Crown deeds were John Bessey (Beasley) and the Gleasons, Bessey coming from Niagara Falls in 1819 and the Gleasons coming from Port Covington, New York in 1826.

Mr. Rueben Gleason located on the south side of the present village. Joseph Gleason later occupied the Beasley Farm now owned and lived on by

The community became known as Gleason Corners.

Reuben Gleason gave the land for the first school about 1846.

The name Medina was given by Mr. Joseph Beek, the first post-master. The first post-office was established in 1862. The name Medina is an important name to Mohammedans ranking next to Mecca in importance. It is from this great city that the name came. The mail was brought from Thamesford on the route that served Thamesford, Kintore, Medina, Lakeside and Harrington.

The records show Donald McDonald as post-master 1880 and Alfred Goodbow from 1884 to 1913 when rural mail took over. Mr. Red Heem Gleason became the first rural carrier.

In 1867 the community boasted of a fine general store, a blacksmith, a wagon shop as well as a boot and shoe shop. Mr. Charles Ingli was the blacksmith and Mr. Arthur Blannerhasset the wagon maker. By 1862 a hotel presumably the Half-way house was operated by David Sturgess and later in 1869 by Mr. John Hurford.