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The Fruit Grower's Association is our one industry and they have a well equipped plant. In 1850 the first apples were hauled to Howick by the Jaques family to cousins there, and that was the start of the apple industry.

In 1870 Alfred Pollard started a carding mill in the village. Theodore Pollard had a tailor shop in bygone days.

Burgessville was a village of lodges, Grange Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Ancient Order of Workmen, Forester's, Independent Order of Forester's, Royal Templars, Home Circle, all had their day.

The Flour and Feed business was started by the late E. D. Hilliker followed by Richard Siple, John D. Corless, Hughes & deMontmorency and is now operated by W. A. Roloson & Sons. In 1945 the Norwich District Co-operative built a mill on the former site of the Mollins Mill.

Elias Snyder was the first settler coming in 1811, Joshua Corbin in 1816. The Dennis family came in 1820 and the Emigh family in 1819. Captain John Jaques moved into Burgessville in 1855. In 1837 he was Captain of a company of Royal Volunteers.

Nelson Batterson started the first store in 1845 when it was called Snyder's Corners. In 1887 Henry Sneath started a general store in Burgessville and did a very extensive business. Mr. Wm. Kirkpatrick purchased the store and business of Mr. Sneath and carried on an extensive departmental business. Unfortunately just after receiving a large shipment of goods in the spring, the building with nearly all its contents were burned. However Mr. Kirkpatrick in a few hours collected together the remains of his stock and opened out in the Oddfellow's Hall. He rebuilt and carried on. He was also the Post-master. Some few years later he sold his store to Gordon Wills and in 1934 the store again burned.

Previous to this the Post Office took up office in the old Bank Building where Mr. Kirkpatrick continued as post-master until retiring. Mr. Arthur Dickinson became the new post-master and upon retiring in 1959, Mr. Fred Myers became our present post-master. Property has been purchased on the south side of the village and a new post office is being built to be opened this spring. New Telephone Office built in 1951 and Fire Hall in 1956.

The site of the old store was purchased from Gordon Wills by Mr. Joe Grandy, who was operating a grocery store in the old Hotel Building (Franklin House). Later he built the store and dwelling, which now stands. Upon his death Mr. Jake Wettlaufer purchased the business and after his death his son Lloyd took over upon returning from Overseas and is still the village merchant and carrying on an extensive business.

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After hotel days were no more in the Franklin House, the Moores' opened a Grocery Store and later was operated by - Carl Jaques, Fred Cole, Joe Grandy, Gordon Turvey, C. H. "Bud" Buchner and the Barber family, who still own the building, but no store, just apartments at the present time.

In earlier days a garage, blacksmith shop and butcher shop stood on the south east corner and in 1934 this corner was burned out. This is where Ed. McFarland's garage now stands. G. Bucholtz's plumbing business is where the Oddfellows Hall stood.

In the old days Burgessville had what was then called "Town Meeting Day" and anyone shooting on that day could be "churched", as it was then called. One Thompson was "churched" so many times for the offense he decided to stay out of church - he knew he could not resist the temptation to shoot turkeys on that day.



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