

History of Eastnor.

The following is a portion of a talk on local history given by W. B. Moore to the Lions Head Continuation School history class in May 1941.

The first purchases of land in Eastnor were made in 1862, although in Norman Robertson's book on Bruce County describing the township it is stated that settlers did not take up land until 1869 or 1870. Wm. O'hisholm is authority for the statement that when he arrived with his parents in Albemarle in 1869, Joseph Waugh had been living in Hope Bay for several years. One of Jos. Waugh's sons states that when his father reached the Couch farm there was no road beyond that place and it was necessary to cut a trail to bring in his oxen.

Richard Packaberry's parents and family are believed to be the first to arrive in the vicinity of Lions Head. On their way here they remained over night at Waugh's and the late John Packaberry who died recently was at that time a baby, being the youngest of the family.

Apparently the first settlers to arrive on the Peninsula took up land near Colpoys Bay in Dec. 1857. Warton's first citizen in the person of James Lennox settled there in November 1866 and erected a log shanty, the first building for habitation in that place. It must have been about that time that Jos. Waugh reached Hope Bay.

Prior to any sales of land in Lindsay, Abraham West located on lot 5 Con. 2 W. B. R. His first neighbor is reported to have been Wm. Clark. In the summer of 1871 Capt. John Earl settled at what is known as the big Pub in St. Edmund's township, and in the fall of the same year