

PEOPLE WHO PUT MY COMMUNITY ON THE MAP

Salford, a village in Southwest Oxford Township, County of Oxford, dates to 1759 when a settlement was established and named Manchester. The village retained this name until 1855, at which time it was re-named Salford after a village in England. The name change occurred when an application was made (by A.S. Harris) for a post office and it was discovered "Manchester" was already a community in Eastern Ontario. The village was part of Dereham Township, Norfolk County until 1798 when, by an act of King George III, it became part of Oxford County. Much of the land in the township was owned by a few men and records show that the first crown land farm was bought in 1834 by Stillson Hackett for the price of seventeen shillings, six pence per acre (about \$4.30).

The area surrounding the settlement was heavily timbered with oak, pine, elm, basswood and maple. The profusion of these trees caused the early settlers to take advantage of the ready supply of wood for the building of homes and barns, fuel for their fireplaces and natural material for their furniture.

Salford grew steadily but never experienced a growth boom common to many villages in the late 1800's. However, by that time, it did contain a cooper shop, a sawmill powered by steam, two grist mills, a carding and fueling mill, a tannery, wagon and carriage shop and several cheese factories.

From the Salford area have come many names which have taken their place in the annals of history. In all fields of