

Historical notes on Eramosa's special communities

- ROCKWOOD -

One of the first communities to be settled in Eramosa was Rockwood.

John Harris received 230 acres of Crown land in 1818 and built a shanty on the land that is now Rockwood.

When this structure burned down Harris left the area, but returned in 1829 and laid out the village.

In 1823 Henry Strange purchased 1,500 acres, which included most of the area of Rockwood, and gave the land to his son, Colonel Henry Strange.

Strange and Harris agreed the boundary between their lands would be the south branch of the Eramosa River.

John Harris and his wife

established the Society of Friends and called the new settlement Brotherstown.

Strange built a grist mill on the river in 1843 and for a time Rockwood was known as Strange's Mills.

Then in 1849 the Rockwood Academy was founded by William Wetherald and he gave the village the name Rockwood.

In 1903 Rockwood became a police village.

- EDEN MILLS -

Eden Mills is a village that straddles the counties of Wellington and Halton.

Eden Mills was founded by the David Kribbs family in 1842 and was first known as Kribbs' Mills, and also as Cripps' Mills.

Aaron and Daniel Kribbs built a saw mill and grist mill on the lower branch of the Speed or Grand River.

Eden Mills received a boost when the Toronto Suburban Electric Railway to Guelph was opened in 1919.

The railway was taken over by Canadian National Railways and finally stopped running in the 1930s.

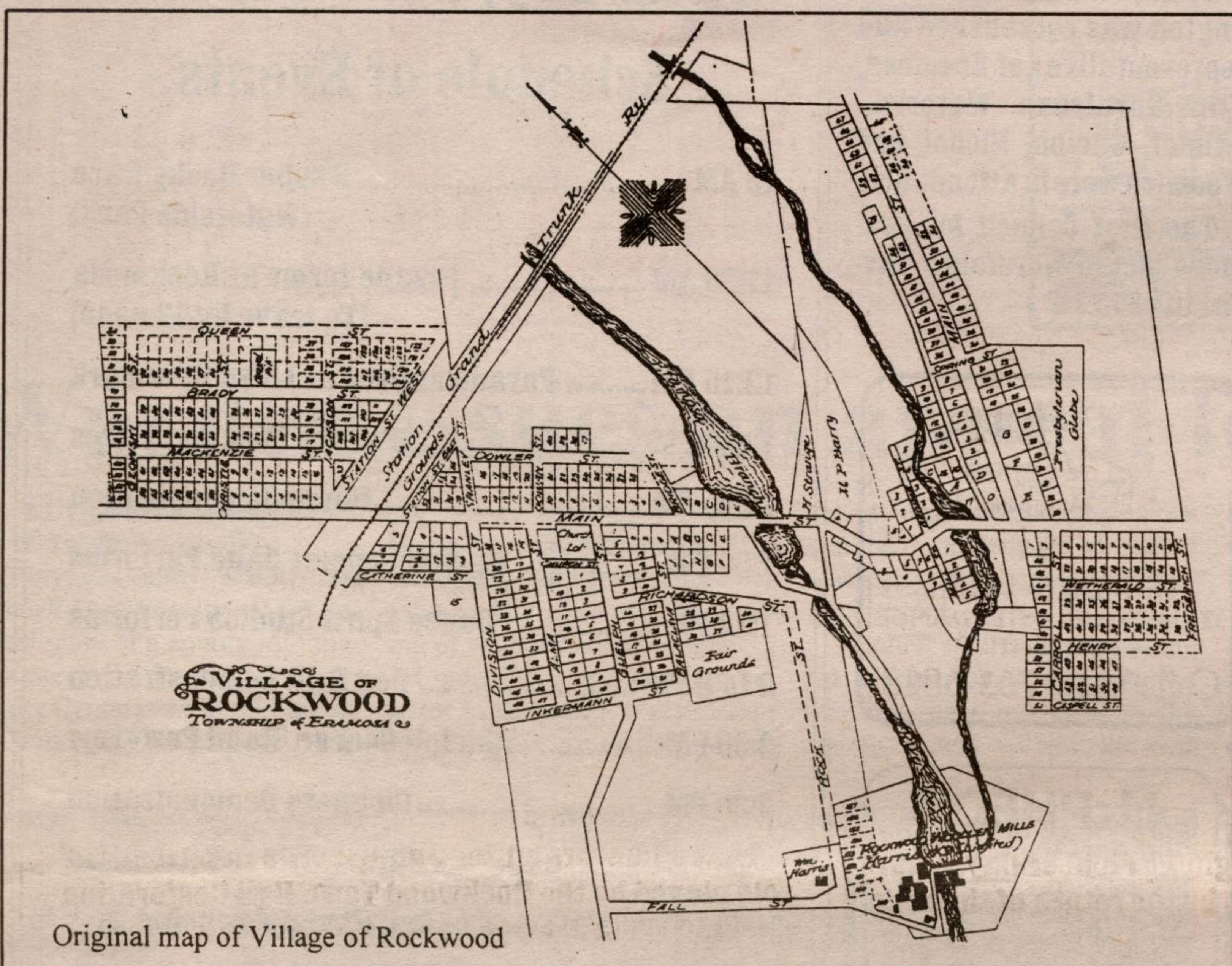
Eden Mills became a police village in 1930.

- EVERTON -

Lovell's 1871 Directory describes Everton as "a thriving village on a branch of the Grand River. It contains flouring and saw mills, a stave factory, tannery and potach works."

Everton was first called Hungry Hollow and the village was laid out in 1858. The upper part of the village was called Stewart Town and the lower half Everton.

The village continued to grow, boasting three churches, two hotels, three blacksmiths and various stores until the Grand Trunk railway by-passed the village and built its depot in Rockwood.



Original map of Village of Rockwood

Did you know?

Although "Pioneer Days" were a popular event in the late 1970s and early

'80s, they stopped until about five years ago when a group of Rockwood residents decided to revive them.

While you're here ... Things to do and see

TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE: Friendly, local knowledge for travellers and residents about special area attractions. 126 Main St. S., Rockwood; 856-2120.

ROCKWOOD CONSERVATION AREA: Camping, canoeing, fishing, swimming. Hike past rare "pot holes" created by glaciers and stone ruins. Fall Street off Alma.

ONTARIO ELECTRIC RAIL-

WAY MUSEUM: Open Wednesday to Sunday in June; daily in July and August. Gift shop, snack bar and picnic area. Guelph Line, three km. south of Rockwood; 856-9802.

PUB NIGHT: St. John's Anglican Church will host an English Pub Night on Friday, June 16 from 8 pm until 1 am. Featuring wine, beer, "pub grub" and music. Everyone welcome; free admission.



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- 11 o'clock a.m.
Parade to Form at Rockmosa
- 1 o'clock p.m.
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- 7:30 o'clock p.m.
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