

YORK PIONEER AND PRESENT

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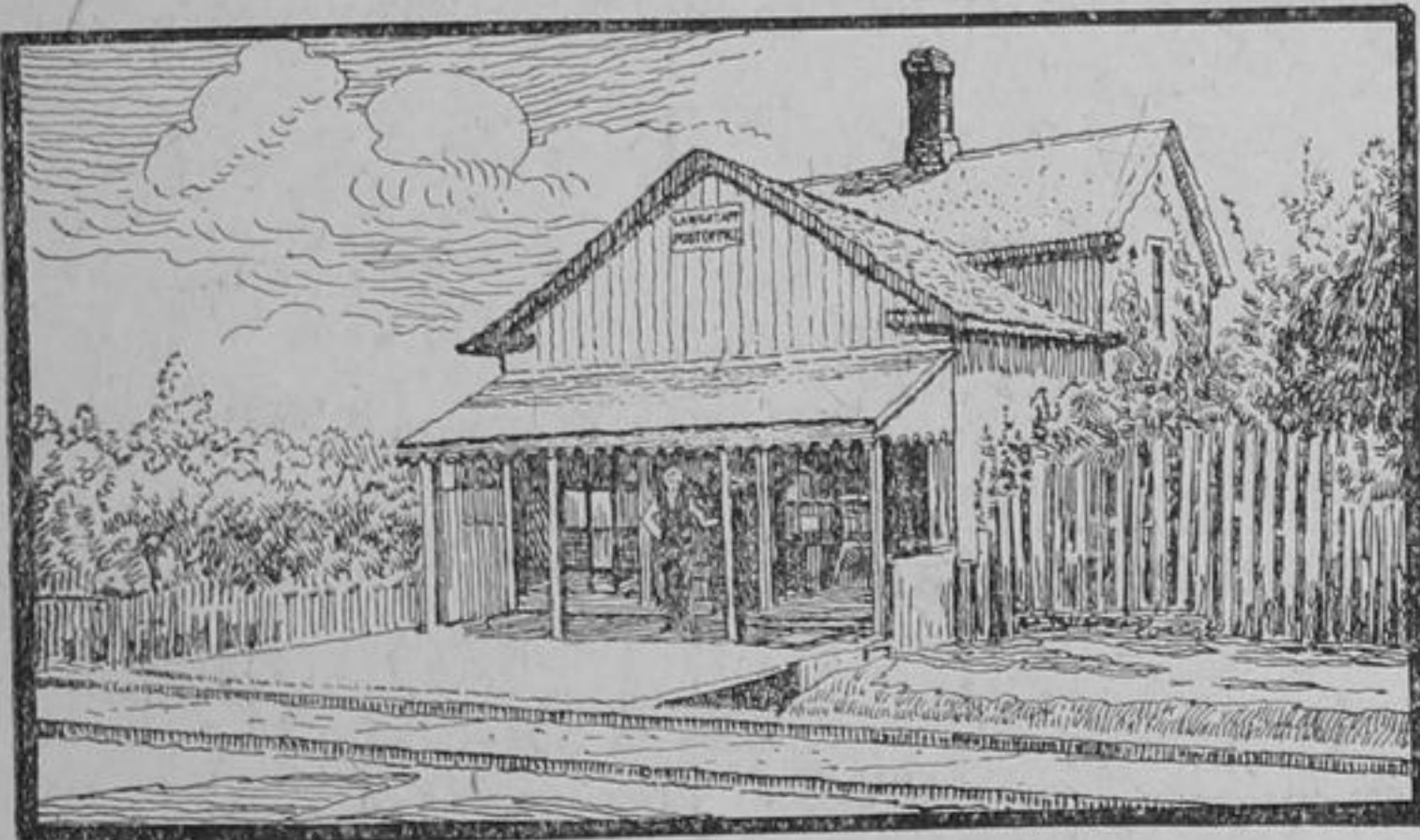
Article 24 LANGSTAFF

Langstaff as a postal name did not find its way into the Postal Guide until midsummer, 1870, but in the opening years of the nineteenth century, Langstaff as a name was well and favorably known up Yonge Street and throughout York.

The Langstaff family were English and Henry Langstaff came to America and settled in Dover, Delaware. He died in Dover, Delaware, in 1705. His great grandson, John Langstaff (the 4th) born in Delaware County, New Jersey, 1775, married Lucy Miller of Richmond Hill in 1809 and they settled on Lot 36, Con. 1, Markham, County of York in 1810.

On this farm on Sept. 6th, 1819, was born John Langstaff (the 5th) the first postmaster of Langstaff, Ontario John had three brothers, Miles, Lewis and James, and two sisters, Mercie and Charity.

While the community at Lot 35 and 36, Yonge Street, was one of the oldest on the street still they received their postal service from Thornhill until 1870. For years this



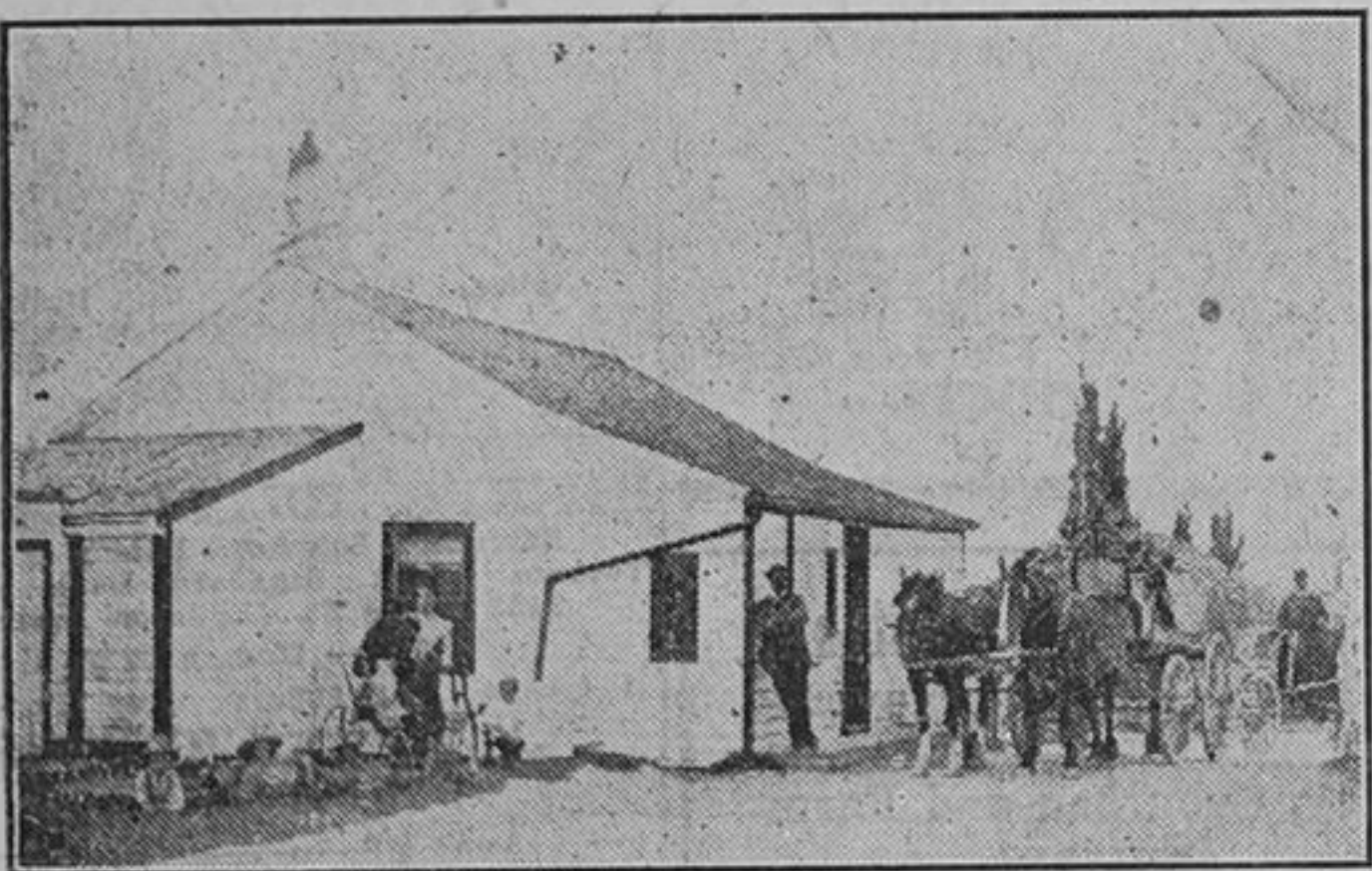
HARRY HORNE'S STORE
Langstaff Post Office, 1888-1901.

community remained purely agricultural and were satisfied to depend on a post office a mile or more away, but about 1860 John Langstaff built a saw mill, planing mill, cooper shop, pail factory and store near the stream on the front of Lot 36, Con. 1, Markham. There was already a hotel and cobblers shop on Lot 36, Con. 1 Vaughan.

One of the products of the planing mill was wooden eavetroughs. Sound timber was squared to four inches by four inches in ten or twelve foot lengths and a V three inches deep cut out the length of the timber. The troughs were then put in place on wooden brackets and joined end to end by pieces of tin or zinc driven into the wood.

Some of my readers may remember the picket fence made of three cornered pickets that was on the Yonge Street front of the Industrial Farm at Langstaff. This fence was built by John Langstaff from the V's removed from the four by fours in making wooden eavetroughs. In the picture of the second post office building the fence shown was made of the same kind of pickets.

Houses were erected on the road running east as well as on Yonge Street so that Langstaff became an important hamlet and on June 1st, 1870, a Post Office was opened with John Langstaff as postmaster. Until 1888 the Post Office was kept in the toll-house by Henry Richards, who was assistant postmaster. The toll-house was on the west side



No. 3 TOLL-GATE, YONGE STREET
Langstaff Post Office, 1870-88.

of Yonge Street just south of the side road. On March 1st 1888, Henry Horne succeeded to the position and moved the office to the new store built on the south-west corner of Lot 36, Markham, and on April 1st, 1902, David Boyle was appointed postmaster followed by the present postmaster, Wm. J. Hopper on Jan. 9th, 1925.

During Mr. Boyle's term as postmaster the office was kept for a time by Mrs. A. Darling in the house now occupied by Mr. H. Richards and when Mrs. Darling moved to western Canada, Mr. Ben Brillinger kept it for a time in a house opposite the public school. In 1912 it was moved back to the corner and for two years kept in a small portable house until 1914 when Mr. Boyle built the present brick store and post office when Miss Hattie Brillinger acted as assistant postmaster until the present postmaster was appointed.

The mail for Langstaff was a morning mail only and formerly was carried from Thornhill, usually by someone travelling on foot for which service he received \$60.00 per year.

In 1898 the Metropolitan Railway commenced carrying mail for the Yonge Street post offices and Langstaff was given a bag direct to the City of Toronto.

U. F. O. Club Held Interesting Session

Re-organization Carried out and
Officers Elected.

A representative and very enthusiastic meeting of the Richmond Hill U. F. O. Club was held in Stong's Hall on Monday evening.

The chair was occupied by the retiring president, Mr. S. Tyndall, who after a short review of past efforts, threw the meeting open for a general discussion.

Those present were unanimous that the club should proceed to a thorough re-organization which was effected, with much enthusiasm.

The club listened with great interest to addresses from Messrs. S. C. McKee, Live stock branch; A. J. Saunders, Farm Supplies Branch; and D. W. Curry same dept., head office Toronto.

The amazing development and the

enormous business carried on at head office was a positive revelation and inspired one and all with a determination to put the R. H. U. F. O. club on the map immediately.

After routine business was disposed of, Mr. S. C. McKee took the chair and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President J. W. Palmer; vice-president, D. A. Clubine, Secretary treasurer, Chas. E. Hopper; Board of Directors, Mr. F. Graham, Mr. C. Hunt, and Mr. S. Tyndall.

The new president upon assuming the chair proposed a lively campaign for membership be instituted which met with hearty approval.

It was decided that the club meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at Stong's Hall.

Owing to the lateness of the hour, unfinished business was laid over until the next regular meeting which will be held on Dec. 7th at 8 o'clock sharp.

A cordial invitation is extended to anyone interested to be present, and assist in making the movement a success.



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