

AMIGARI:::

At the western end of Gilmore Rd. was a small railroad settlement, later called Amigari. In 1878 residents of the locality asked Christopher Bunting the sitting member of Parliament, to have a post office established there. The choice of the name came up, and someone after conference with Mr. Bunting suggested that they honor the member, by naming the post office after the Irish village in which he was born.

This was acceptable to the majority, and so it was decided to call the place Amigan, after an Irish village. That name was sent into the authorities, who thought the n was an i r. Accordingly the name was called Amigari not Amigan as had been intended.

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Amigari, had been known as Irish Row from the beginning unofficially. There was a large number of Irishmen living just by the race track, and those who did not work for the railroad no doubt sought work or pleasure there.

It had it's own school on the north side of Gilmore, just up from the corner of Dunlop St. The General Store of Mr. Herel stood on the cr. of Dunlop and Gilmore, later Malkins. It was in this building that the first post office was housed. The Grand Trunk Hotel built in the late 60's stood just west of the railroad tracks. Between it and the tracks was the old G.T.R. station. It did not sit close to the Gilmore Rd. but was some distance north. In the early 1900's a very small waiting station was built on the S.W. cr. of Gilmore and Concession. The G.T.R. roundhouse stood on the N. side of Gilmore Rd. facing the entrance of Concession Rd. The old Methodist Church stood on the south side of Gilmore some two blocks from Concession.

A feed mill was eventually built not far from the General Store. Later a second store was built on the S.E. cr. of Gilmore and Concession, and in it's early years was operated and owned by Mr. Seaton, then by Mr. Jackson. The post office was eventually moved into this building.