

Grass

A lifelong resident of Bayham Township, Mrs. Beulah Grass passed away on Saturday at her home near Eden, in her 57th year. Born in Eden, she was the daughter of Fred Chandler and the late Alma Jones.

She was a member of the Eden Baptist Church.

Survivors are her husband, George Grass; one daughter, Myrna at home; her father, Fred Chandler and one sister, Minnie, both of Eden.

Rested at the H. A. Ostrander and Son Funeral Home where service was conducted on Tuesday at 2 p.m. by Rev. P.D. Augustine of Eden Baptist Church.

A duet "Face to Face" was sung by N.O. Stilwell and Donna Ketchabaw, accompanied at the organ by Mrs. Helen Russell.

Pall bearers were Lorne Alton, Walter Small, Clarence Inman, Fred Bowes, Harry Stewart and Hugh Ketchabaw.

Flowers bearers were friends and neighbours. Internment in the Tillsonburg cemetery.

(Tillsonburg News)

GRAY FAMILY

John Gray was a marmalade manufacturer in Glasgow, Scotland. His descendant Nathan Gray was a U.E.L. who had ten sons and 1 daughter.

John Gray

Nathan Gray d. 1865 married Eunice Hall children Edwin Hall, Franklin, Elijah, Absalom, Alphonso, George, Friend (youngest) and Lucy. (3 sons not named here).

George Gray had two children Charles & Rose.

Lucy married Enon Wilson Phelps - children, Clara, Almeda, George, Herbert and Adelbert (twins) and Ernest b. July 2, 1875 (Detroit)
d. Jan. 16, 1970
(one dau. married a Ostrander and 1 a Roloson)

Franklin married Jane Havens - dau. Nellie married Charles Johnson - 5 children

Ruby Johnson m. Dr. Alex W. Blain (Detroit surgon)

Gladys Johnson m. Hugh Anderson - son Hugh Douglas m. Judy Regnior

Nellie m. Wm. Kirtland Flesher

m. Chas. Brien

Mae m. Williams

Franklin remarried a Miss Burger.

Absalom married Maggie Craig - children James Edwin, William, Nathan, Mary Carrie, Nelly E.

Elijah married 3 times 1st a Foster, 2nd a Miss Dance, 3rd --

His children Asa, Julia

Lottie, Annie who married an Ellis

2 girls and 1 boy McDonald

Edwin H. Gray married Hannah A. Havens

d. May 14, 1908 aged 82 d. July 12, 1906 aged 76

Abram Nelson Gray b. Oct. 3, 1854 d. Sept. 1945 (91 years)

(was Registrar of Woodstock College of Ontario)

Courtland F. Gray b. 1858

Nathan H. Gray b. Nov. 13, 1865 m. "Kittie" Howey (Nancy Rebecca)

Abram Nelson Gray married Jenny Allemand

1854-1945 m. 2nd Mary Smith (dau. Rev. Smith)

m 3rd Rose --

He had three children Grace Alicia Gray m. Alex Wilson (Toronto) -dau.

d. July 23, 1956 (age 75) Rose Grace)

Hope Gray m. Eric B. Moore - 5 children Douglas, Ginny 1950,

Donald 1950, Lynn 1955, Susan 1957,

Edwin D. Gray m. Minnie C. -- , son, Donald F. Gray m. Teri

2 Ian Dwight

dau. Hope Aileen Gray m. Eric Bristol Ann

Minnie Constance Bristol m. Robert Duncan Campbell

Constance Virginia Campbell m. Peter Morgan

3 Anne, David, Robert Morgan

son Edwin Roy Gray married Winnifred H.

3 children Edwin Roy Gray (Ted) in Air Force

Helen Eunice Gray m. H. Walter Hansel

dau. Helen Joan Hansel m. Walter Glenn Hare

Marian Gray m. Earl Bucknam - 5 Dawna Ruth, Paul, David

Glen and Joan

Nathan H. Gray b. Nov. 13, 1865 d. Apr. 15, 1960 married Nancy Rebecca Howey (dau. of Martin Howey) - no children

remarried Jan. 1, 1945 - Barbara Hope Plank

Gray Family cont'd.

Courtland F. Gray married

Evan Gray married Ruth Donovan 1890 d. July 18, 1956 - 3

children Barbara Ruth m. Stanley W. Schatz (surgeon
Toronto)

3 children Evan Douglas, Deborah Jennifer,
* Jean Ruth

Joan Gray teacher California

Elizabeth Jean (Toronto)

Pearl Gray married J.F.G. Morris (Rev.)

children Margaret

William David Friend m. Elizabeth Timm

John Gray m. Margaret Kathleen Smith

Paul Henry m. Mary Laverne Hewson

Pearl

Ruth Marion Gray

daughter of Nellie Gray Johnson was Ruby Johnson who married

Dr. Alex Wm. Blain - their children 2 sons - Dr. Alexander W. Blain

Dr. Donald Gray Blain

dau. Mrs. Robert E. L. Berry

STORY OF EDEN

as told by

Nathan Gray

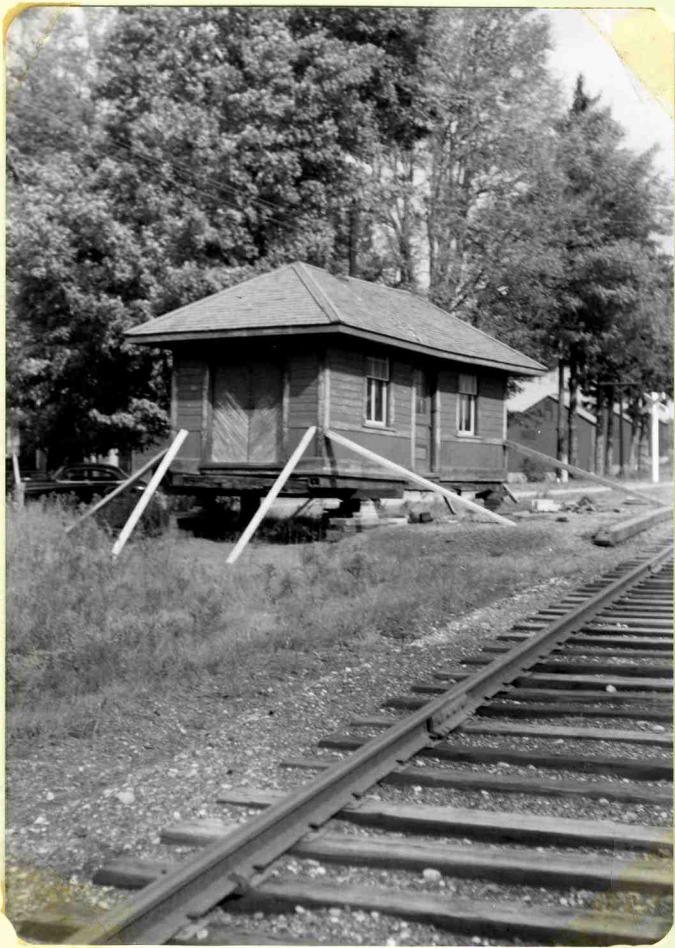
Having been asked to record events of early days at Eden, my memory carries me back practically three quarters of a century when, instead of affixing a gummed postage stamp as we do in this modern age, 3¢ Pd was stamped on letters as the name of the Post office and date are now stamped by hand.

The location of Eden was a black ash swamp where boys went swimming. The plan for the village of Eden was surveyed by Jesse P. Ball, P.L.S., and is recorded in the Registry office at St. Thomas as No. 113. The first post office I remember was located in the living room in the old house owned and occupied by Alex Howey, recently torn down by John Tanner to make room for an attractive modern home on this beautiful site.

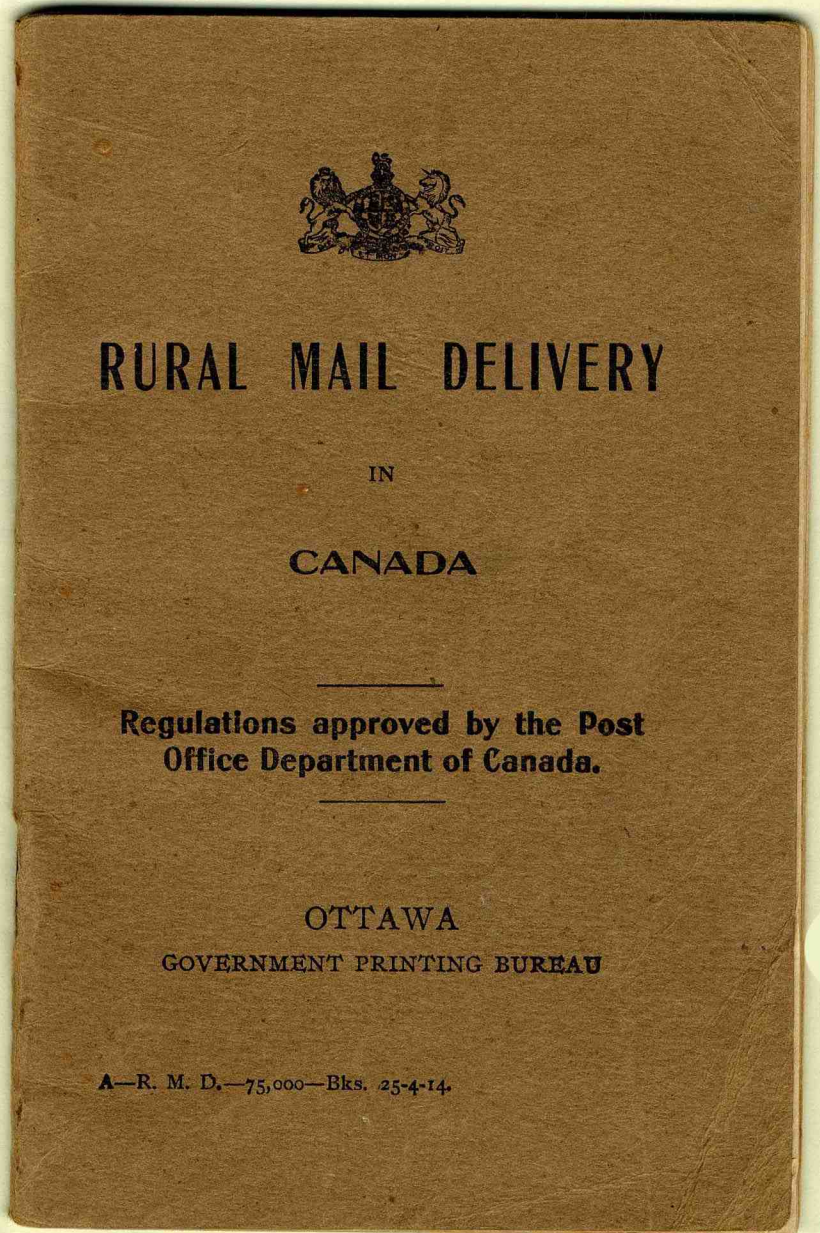
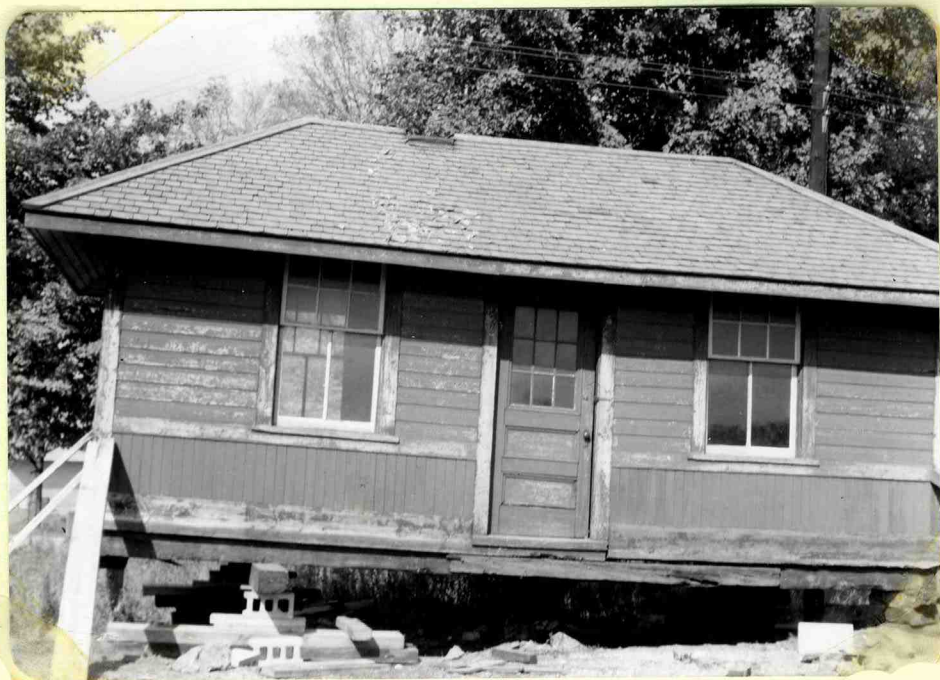
The nearest railroad to Eden to which mail from the outside world came was Ingersoll and conveyed from there to the villages along the way, Tillsonburg, Eden and Pt. Burwell included, by covered stage coach, drawn by horses. The horses, being driven rapidly, had to be changed frequently on the 32 mile trip from Pt. Burwell to Ingersoll. It required a good horse to continue four years at this arduous wearing labour. Many horses could not last one year. One pair, a balky roan horse named Dave and a switcher named Kate continued ten years or more. This pair could draw the heavy stage coach the sixteen miles from Tillsonburg to Pt. Burwell including stops at five post offices in one hour.

This stage coach was operated for many years by Edwin Gray of Eden, Angus McKay and John Colridge of Ingersoll, under the firm name of Gray, McKay & Colridge. This firm operated livery stables at Tillsonburg and Ingersoll. Eventually Edwin Gray disposed of his interests in the livery stables retaining his interest in the Stage which he continued to own and manage for many years. In addition to carrying mail the stage carried passengers, freight and express. Frequently among the express parcels were small bags of silver coin before the introduction of paper money, and before there was a bank south of Ingersoll. Lumbering being the chief industry large numbers of men were employed, and although wages were low compared with wages today bags of silver coin weighing about one hundred lbs. each were regular express toward the end of each month; a comparatively small bag of silver coins weighs a hundred lbs.

The stage coach with out-going passengers, etc., left Pt. Burwell every morning, Sunday excepted, at six o'clock, arriving at Eden about seven o'clock. Here usually horses were



PHOTOS OF RAILROAD
STATION BEING REMOVED



RURAL MAIL DELIVERY
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BY MRS RUBY MOODY

NOTICE

These regulations are to be carefully read throughout by patrons, postmasters and couriers. A regulation appearing under one heading only may be for the guidance of the three parties concerned.

The regulations herein set forth cancel and supersede all regulations previously issued concerning the Rural Mail Delivery System in Canada.

May, 1914.

RURAL MAIL DELIVERY

1. A. The Post Office Department undertakes the delivery and collection of mail matter to and from persons residing in rural districts along and contiguous to well-defined main thoroughfares upon receipt of a properly signed petition for such service from not fewer than fifty per cent of the eligible residents of each of the rural districts traversed by such main thoroughfares.

B. Such petition should be accompanied by a detailed description of the proposed route. In speaking of a road it should be mentioned as being between lots so & so (or sections so & so) or concessions so & so, as the case may be. There should also accompany the petition a map on which should be indicated by arrows (>-->-->) the direction in which it is desired the courier should travel.

C. Petition forms may be obtained upon application to the Post Office Inspectors or the Post Office Department, Rural Mail Delivery Branch, Ottawa.

2. The standard length of a Rural Mail Delivery route is a circuit of twenty-five miles, which distance should not be exceeded except in very exceptional circumstances. Petitions for shorter routes will receive consideration if the Department considers that there are a sufficient number of residents thereon to justify the establishment of a rural mail delivery service.

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STATION USE ONLY

Rate Card C.

PARCEL POST

RATES of POSTAGE on parcels mailed in the PROVINCE of ONTARIO.

ADDRESSED TO	1 lb	2 lbs	3 lbs	4 lbs	5 lbs	6 lbs	7 lbs	8 lbs	9 lbs	10 lbs	11 lbs
Any post office within 20 miles* including place of mailing	\$0.05	\$0.06	\$0.07	\$0.08	\$0.10	\$0.12	\$0.14	\$0.16	\$0.18	\$0.20	\$0.22
Any post office beyond 20 miles but within the Province of Ontario..	.10	.14	.18	.22	.26	.30	.34	.38	.42	.46	.50
Any post office in Quebec or Manitoba..	.10	.16	.22	.28	.34	.40	.46	.52	.58	.64	.70
Any post office in Saskatchewan or Maritime Provinces .....	.12	.20	.28	.36	.44	.52	.60	.68	.76	.84	.92
Any post office in Alberta12	.24	.34	.44	.54	.64	.74	.84	.94	1.04	1.14
Any post office in British Columbia12	.24	.36	.48	.60	.72	.84	.96	1.08	1.20	1.32

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The Maximum charge on any parcel shall not exceed 1 cent an ounce.
 *This rate also obtains in cases where the 20 mile area extends into an adjacent Province.

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