



## Did You Know? About the Chandos Township Post Office

The first Chandos post office was opened in 1864 in the small general store operated by Henry Maxwell and his wife Margaret Jane on the seventh concession, south of West Bay. The mail came twice a week via Burleigh.

In 1869, the post office moved down the road to Daniel Couch's home where it was located for less than a year before Thomas Kemp, who lived on the Burleigh Road at the ninth concession on the north side of West Bay became postmaster. He served for ten years until 1880 when Billings Kilborne became postmaster and moved the office to his home on Lot 3 Concession 10.

Three generations of the Kilborne family – Billings, John and Alphonso – held the office over the ensuing twenty-four years at their home across from St. Stephen's church, southwest of the crossroads that became known as Chandos Post Office.

Later postmasters were Harry Roberts (1913-19), Mrs. Beatrice Roberts (1919-20), Willis Johnson (1920-26), Lloyd Young (1926-42) and Mrs. Margaret Amelia Young until the office closed in 1948.

Excerpt from "The Loon Calls" by Jean Murray Cole. If you would more information, or if you would like to join our group, please contact Bob Burns of the Burleigh Road Historical Society via his e-mail at: [bobburns12642@yahoo.com](mailto:bobburns12642@yahoo.com).

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