

Creighton

The village of Creighton consisted of three saw and shingle mills, owned by the Cooks, the Connors and the Chases. It also had two hotels, a school house, two woolen mills, a blacksmith shop, a boot maker's shop, a milliner and dress shop, a general store, a post office, a tavern, two halls and various homes and farms.

The name came from a preacher who was in the area at the time and Mrs. Cavanagh wrote to the government asking that her post office be named Creighton.

Today, many of the landmarks are gone but some remain as private homes. The Creighton House, built by Michael Cavanagh in 1850, was the general store, tavern, inn and post office finally closing to become a private residence in the 1950's. Michael's granddaughter, Mrs. Hilda Hawke and her husband Garnet, currently own it.

The Creighton halls were built in 1850 and 1880 and are still standing. The Creighton school was built in 1866 and turned and bricked in 1899. It is now a private home.

Bruce Howard compiled the map and research. The Oro-Medonte History Association provided the pictures. Further information on this community is included in the book "Medonte: A Township Remembered". The book is available for sale at the Oro-Medonte Township Administration Centre.

