

Moonstone

Moonstone is a community located on County Road 19 between the 7th and 9th Concession. For the first part of its history, this hamlet was known as Medonte.

It is said that Mrs. Edmond Moon was reading Wilkie Collin's book "The Moonstone" and suggested this as a new name for the post office. The fact that the Moon brothers were some of the first settlers in the district may also have had something to do with it! In recent years, there has been considerable new construction in Moonstone – both ski chalets and permanent residences.

William Miller had the first general store in Moonstone. After some years, he and his family moved to Brampton in Peel County. Other owners were Sykes, T. D. Robinson and Arthur Dunlop. Lloyd Dunlop, son of Arthur, became the next owner. After a fire in 1954 obliterated the old store, Lloyd rebuilt and expanded the business and sold fine furniture and electrical appliances. The Dunlops of Moonstone became a very well-known business throughout southern Ontario. The business continued until Lloyd retired about 1990 and the store was closed.

The Robinson family served as the secretary treasurer for Medonte. T. D. Robinson filled this position for many years.

George Shannon operated a blacksmith shop in Moonstone for many years. He shod horses did welding and mended harnesses when horsepower was the means of transportation and farm work.

Edmond and Rachel Moon are pictured, with thanks to Ms. Dolly Rose.