

## EARLY HISTORY OF NOBLETON

The following notes by Ruby Gillham.  
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The village of Nobleton was named for or after Joseph Noble who was one of the very early settlers on the corner of the ninth concession and the King side-road in the Township of King. He bought the land from a John Robinson, whom I understand got it directly from the Crown.

Joseph Noble was the first tavern keeper in that settlement.

Nobleton Post Office was first into being on May 6th, 1851. The first post master was a brother of Joseph Noble, Thos. Noble, and he resided where Wm. Hawman lives today. The mail came tri-weekly from Toronto by stage coach via Vaughn Plank Road.

The earliest information that I could gather that is authentic is around the year 1857 as to inhabitants of the small village. At that time there were about one hundred people. There was then a Presbyterian minister in the group, namely, Rev. Jas. Adams, Free Presbyterian Minister. He lived on the side road just west of where the United Church stands today. Thos. Cairns was a farmer living somewhere in the village. Conrad Hawman, a carpenter, lived in a small frame house on the land where Art Gillham built his house and which was sold to George Irwin after his death.

Along about this said year Joseph Noble sold his tavern to John Hart. And here I might add that the log tavern was built right in the centre of the four corners with drives leading to the different directions. This was in the good old days when the best roads were of corduroy.

Henry McCluskey was the blacksmith and his shop and dwelling were on the land where Sam Davis lives today. In later years the McCluskeys left and went to Maple.

Robert Munsie was the general store keeper, his home was on the corner lot which was owned by the Fry family in later years, then owned by Harold Cain.

In 1856, William Munsie became post master as Thos. Noble died in that year.

The farm that Arthur Hill owns today was at one time the property of Martin Snider, whom I understand procured it from the Crown in 1843. His brother Captain Isac Snider bought a farm around the same time. It is the farm now owned by the Malloy family.

In interviewing older inhabitants of our village, I found Malcolm Wilkie with the keenest memory. He could remember as far back as 1870.

In 1870, Chas. Hambly was the post master and also store-keeper. He lived where the Larkin General Store and Post Office building was

