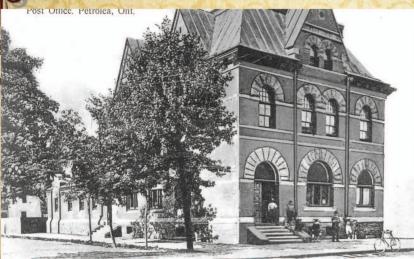# THE OLD POST OFFICE
4189 PETROLIA LINE

Post Office. Petrolea, Ont.

The Old Post Office in 1908

Daniel Durance opened the first post office in 1859 in a house on the east end of Petrolia. In 1861, it moved across the street into Coutlee Hotel, with William Coutlee as Postmaster. However, as business increased in the west end of town, it declined in the east end. The new Postmaster, Patrick Barclay eventually decided to move it to the west end. In 1887, as the new Masonic building was being constructed, a petition was passed around town to induce the Post Office Inspector to move the office from its rickety shed into the fine new building. In December of 1887, the Postmaster general allowed the move.

In 1892, Petrolia was in need of some new federal government offices, and thus the town was rewarded with the construction of a new building. The building was designed by Thomas Fuller and Joshua Garrett was in charge of construction. The building cost the Department of Works $28,000 back in 1892. The ground floor was designed for the Post Office, the first floor for the Customs and Inland Revenue department and the attic was the caretaker's residence.

The post office remained in this building until 1964, where it moved into its current home down the street.

THE OLD POST OFFICE IN 2000

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The Olde Post Office, LCDS

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