

Molesworth Convenience

Location: Molesworth, Ontario
Year built: c. 1890

ALEX M. PATTERSON built a store on the Grey Township side of road in the 1890s. Other known store keepers were Michael McKee in 1898, William Murray in 1901, and Robert Mitchell in 1906. Both Allen and Edward Mitchell were in the store business at this time.



Molesworth Store with Sam Lougheed, the mail carrier in front, Mabel Mitchell Campbell and her mother, Maria Mitchell standing in the doorway.

In 1906, the post office was again moved into the Mitchell's store. The post office was located where the proprietor's political affiliation was the same as the party in power at the time. The post office stayed here until it was replaced by rural mail delivery. Samuel Loughed continued to collect the mail at Listowel and deliver it to the mail boxes along the country concessions until about 1915.

In 1924, Hugh Spence and Russell Grainger co-owned the store. By the 1940s, Victor Adair was the proprietor. Along with his son, Jack, he had an egg-grading plant in back of the store. In April 1949, the store and egg-grading plant was lost to fire. The store was rebuilt with living quarters above.



The Molesworth Store has had other owners over the years, but has remained a general store. Ron and Colleen Stewart have operated Molesworth Convenience since 2000.
