

George Kuck, 4-24-08 founder of Kuckville

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Situated on Route 18 and the Lakeside Road in the Town of Carlton is the little hamlet of Kuckville. Its namesake and founder was the Rev. George Kuck, an early settler in Carlton.

A map showing Kuckville from an 1875 atlas is included here.

The following information is taken from Pioneer History of Orleans County, published in 1871.

"Rev. George Kuck was born in London, England, Dec. 23, 1791, and educated at King's College, London. He came to New York City in 1806 and moved to Toronto, Canada, in 1807.

"In the war between England and the United States in 1812, he served as Lieutenant in the Canada militia. After the war and until 1815, he was clerk in the employ of the Canadian government at Toronto until October, when he moved to Carlton and purchased the farm on which he resided ever afterwards, now known as Kuckville.

"He erected a frame gristmill on the site of the log mill built by M. Dunham on Johnson's Creek. In 1816 he opened a store near his



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Johnson's Creek. At one time he had a store, gristmill, sawmill, ashery, warehouse and farm, all under his personal supervision and in successful operation. His investments were judicious and safe, his affairs all managed with economy and skill, which resulted in making him a wealthy man.

"He married Miss Electa Fuller March 25, 1819. In March 1821, he joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he was ever after a prominent

he was licensed to exhort, in 1833 he was licensed to preach and in 1837 he was ordained Deacon by Bishop Hedding, and in 1849 he was ordained Elder by Bishop Morris at Albion.

"He was appointed Postmaster at West Carlton, since Kuckville, an office he held in all about 30 years.

"He was a man of good education and fine natural ability and his life was filled with usefulness. He was among the first and foremost in all matters of