Craigvale

circa 1853

The village of Craigvale was named after John Craig, a prominent early settler who ran a saw mill and a small store. In 1853, the Northern Railway's station was established and Craigvale soon became an important business centre for people of the vicinity. In its heyday, the village boasted flour and grist mills, two general stores, a blacksmith shop, a brick yard and several busy saw mills. It was said that on occasion as many as fifty teams of horses in procession could be seen hauling logs to the busy saw mills.

An Orange Hall was opened in 1855, followed by a Post Office and school (S.S. #11) in 1863. A Presbyterian church was built in 1865 along with a new brick school in 1927 at a cost of $6,000.

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