

called because through it flows the longest branch of the South-West River ; Eel Creek tells its own story, while Irishtown, perhaps requires a short explanation. As may be seen from their names, the first settlers of Irishtown were from the "old sod." They loved to meet and talk of dear Ireland and the loved ones far away. One night when they were assembled in Moore's "Tilt," as his inn was called, some one proposed that they give the place a name ; several were offered and were as quickly rejected, some one suggested Irishtown, and Irishtown it remains to the present day.

The first church on the Lot was a Catholic church built at Park Corner about 1825. Long River and Irishtown churches were built at a later date.

The pioneers of the different settlements were not slow to provide for the educational wants of their children. As soon as the settlement was well established and a sufficient number of children grown to school age, a school house was erected and a teacher procured. At Sea View the first school house was at Brander's, and the first teacher was a man named Larrisey. Other teachers were Arbuckle and Laskey. A man named Brennan was an itinerent teacher at Park Corner about the year 1805. Long River's first school was located on Power's farm, and the first teacher was Ennis Reid. The first school in Irishtown was built near John Bernard's and the first teacher was Arch. Campbell, uncle of Hon. William Campbell. Other teachers who presided over schools in various parts of Irishtown were Thos Hennessey, John Heron FitzGerald, — Tieson, Philip Murphy, John McLaughlin, John Foristal, and a line of ten others that reaches down to the present day. Hennessey, besides being a teacher, was a violinist. He owned a violin that was made in Ireland about the year 1778, and that crossed the Atlantic five times. One St. Patrick's Day that fell upon Sunday, Hennessey obtained permission to play in the church at Park Corner the air "St. Patrick's Day," but was to stop at a sign from the priest. When the time arrived Hennessey stepped forth with eyes dilated and heart beating high, and made the holy edifice ring again with the air that Irishmen love so well. At last the priest gave the sign to stop. Hennessey, transported