age of ninety-seven. Those early settlers were a noble people, and left to their country a valuable asset in what they accomplished by patience and perseverance and industry, and some of them lived to see what in earlier years would have seemed to them miraculous—the wireless telegraph, the telephone at every man's door, the country spanned north and south and east and west by railways, and electricity playing an important part on every hand, and every prospect of having the work of the farm performed by that agency in the near future.

One of the most noteworthy of the early settlers was James Hodgins, who became a Colonel in the Huron militia. He came to this country from Tipperary, Ireland, in 1832, and settled on lot 39, con. 3, where he died. He was one of the first settlers of Biddulph. In the rebellion of 1837-8 he commanded the Sixth Battalion of Huron militia and loyally served his Flag and his Sovereign. His son John, who afterwards for years was a member of the Biddulph Township Council, served under his father in the same regiment.

Adam Hodgins came from Tipperary, Ireland, in 1831, and was, if not the first, one of the first settlers. He chopped down the forest and made himself a home, in which he died in 1886. He was a member of a party that were engaged in the first survey of the Huron tract.

Mr. W. H. Ryan was one of the most prominent figures in the municipal history of the Township. He came from Ireland when a young man, with his father, Francis Ryan, and first settled on lot 32, con. 3, in 1835. In 1837-8 he too did loyal and yeoman service for his Queen and country in the Simcoe cavalry. He assisted in the survey of the Huron tract, which was at that time an almost unbroken forest. Mr. Ryan was noted far and wide for his large-hearted hospitality. He in countless cases rose from his bed at all hours of the night to assist and administer to the wants of some poor, tired and belated traveller. It appeared to be his meat and drink to help the needy. He served for many years as Reeve, both in Biddulph