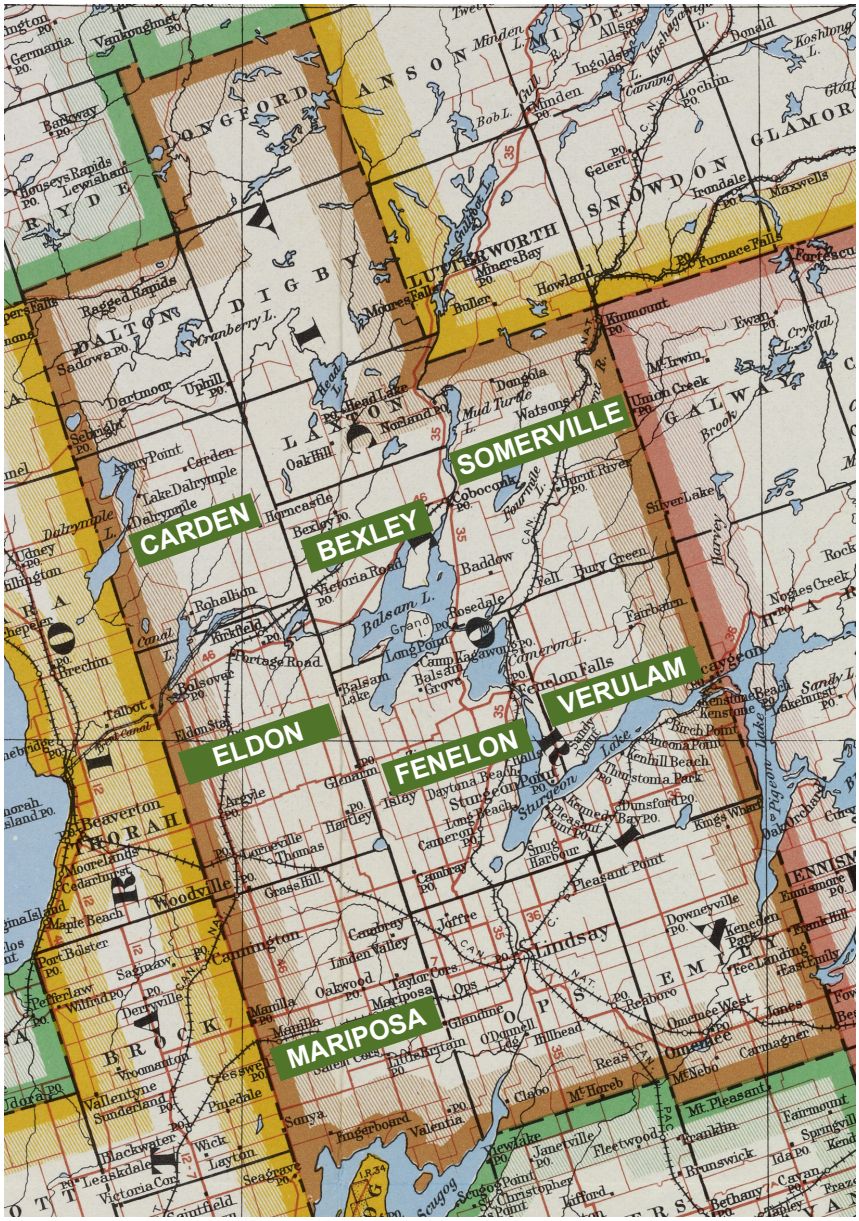
Naming the Suites in our Senior Living Community!

We reflected on a little history of the City of Kawartha Lakes and chose a few of the original townships in Victoria County.



The **County of Victoria**, or **Victoria County**, was formed in 1854 as *The United Counties of Peterborough and Victoria*, and separated from Peterborough in 1863. Though first opened to settlement in 1821, the area that was encompassed by Victoria County has a history of Indian occupation, first by the Hurons.

The history of Victoria County began with the passing of the Constitutional Act in 1791, dividing Canada into two provinces: Upper Canada (present day Ontario) and Lower Canada (present day Québec); and appointing a governor for each.

The first governor of Upper Canada was Colonel John Graves Simcoe, who surveyed the province and set out tracts of land for immigrants with genuine interests. Before the land that became Victoria County could be surveyed, however, speculators had Simcoe removed from office in 1796, and the land was secured from settlement for over 20 years.

In 1851, Peterborough County was divided into the counties of Peterborough and Victoria, the provisional council was formed and its formal separation took place in 1863.

On 1 January 2001, Victoria County was dissolved, and its townships and incorporated communities were amalgamated to form the City of Kawartha Lakes, a name chosen because of the prominence of the lakes in the geography of the region.

You will see on the map above, those townships that have been chosen to represent the suites at Adelaide Place Senior Living Community: Mariposa, Fenelon, Verulam, Somerville, Bexley, Eldon & Carden.