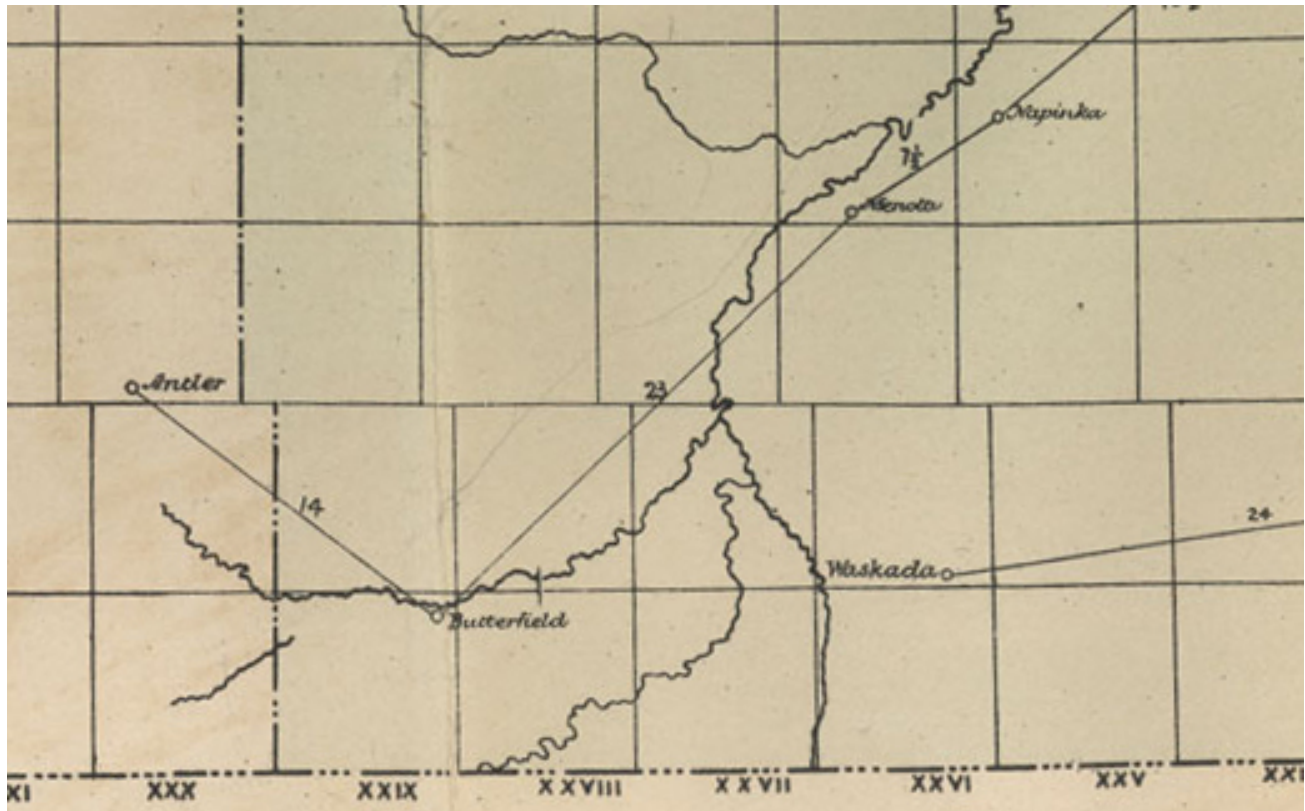


# Butterfield



*Butterfield, a Post Office and Stopping Place on the Boundary Commission Trail, was one of the first "places" in the southwest corner to appear on any map.*

Until recently, in a pasture a few kilometres southwest of Pierson, one could still see the remains of an old sod building by an old rutted trail.

Before the railway arrived in the southwestern tip of Manitoba, before Pierson was established, the mail came to Butterfield. The first post office was in a sod hut built by Dr. Joseph Dann, on his farm along the Boundary Commission Trail, and operated by his brother Henry's family

As often happened the Post Office was a likely spot for a Stopping Place and being on the well-used trail made the location even more convenient.

Before the post office was opened in 1884, one of the settlers near Sourisford used to go to Brandon with an ox team about twice a month for everyone's mail and supplies.

Butterfield received its mail by stage coach.

The exact location of the buildings is hard to find now, and the trails have been worn away by time.



*The name Butterfield lives on as the name of the school built nearby.*