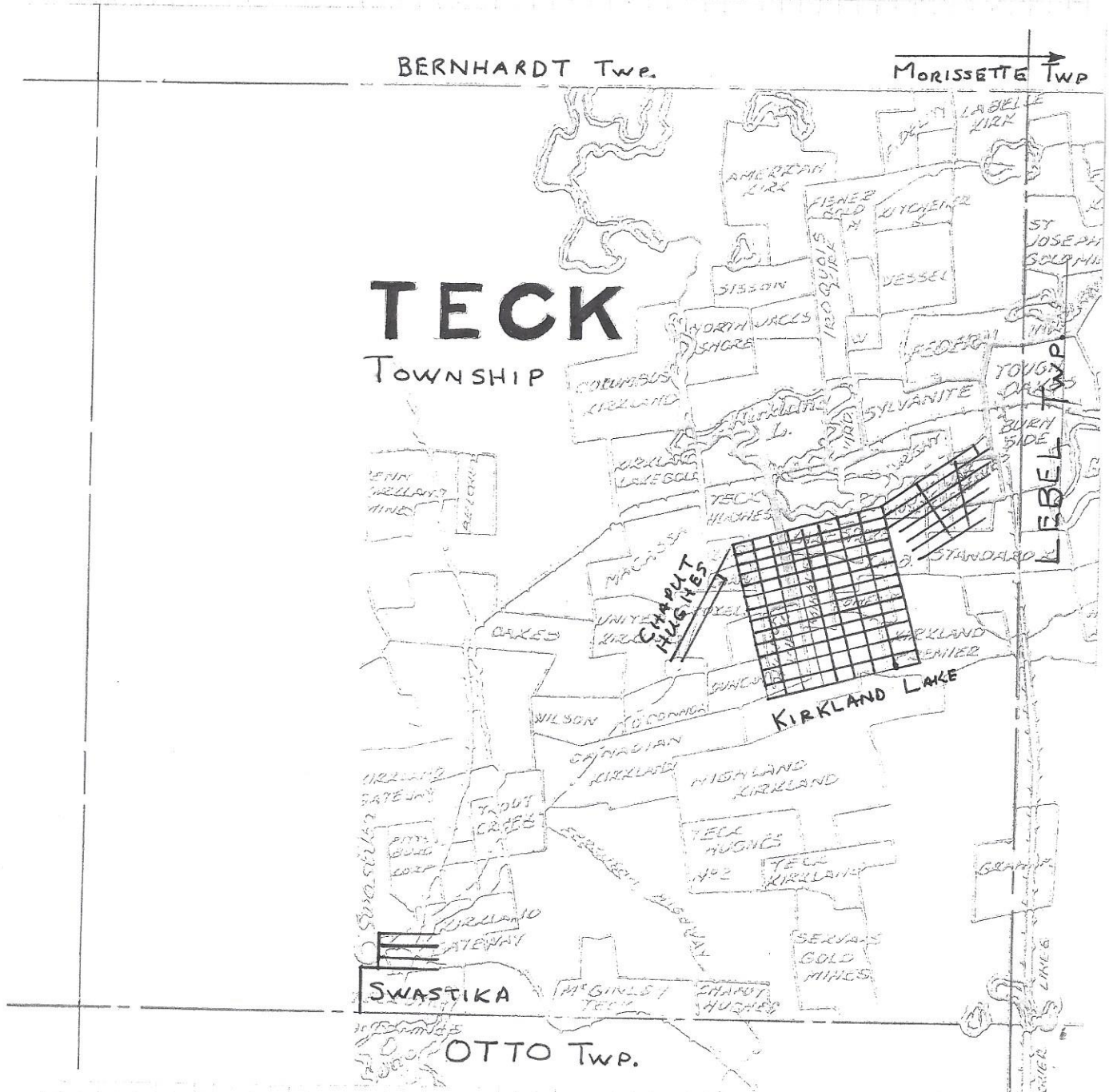# The Postal History of the Township of Teck

<u>Background:</u> The Township of Teck was a six mile township in the northern range of the Unorganized Judicial District of Timiskaming of Ontario. By 1907 the T & NO Railway had pushed as far north as Matheson passing close by what is now the settlement of Swastika. By 1911 the Lucky Cross Mine was in operation, it had a swastika painted on its head frame and the settlement that sprang up nearby took its name from that symbol. A post office was established in Swastika on July 1, 1911. Within three years rich gold showings were discovered three miles to the east at what became the settlement of Kirkland Lake, and a post office was opened on February 16, 1914. Later the settlement of Chaput-Hughes sprang up part way between Kirkland Lake and Swastika and a post office was established on October 24, 1932. On January 1, 1972 the whole 108 square miles of the Townships of Teck, Bernhardt and Morissette including the settlements of Swastika and Chaput-Hughes became the Town of Kirkland Lake.

<u>Purpose:</u> This collection has been prepared to show the postal history of the three post offices of the Township of Teck from the beginning of its settlement to the incorporation of the Town of Kirkland Lake.