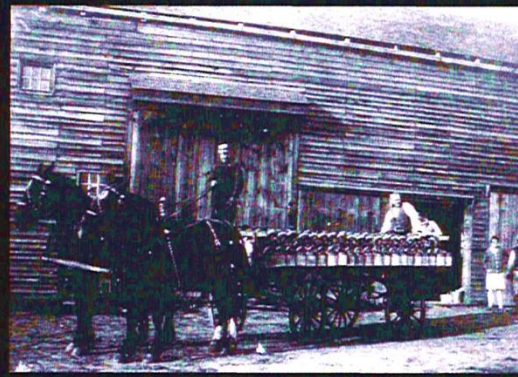


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CHERRY LANE

The Smith family settled in Upper Canada in 1788. They have farmed on this property since 1907 and are currently into the tenth family generation of industry leadership in fruit production and processing. In 1955, when Harold W. M. Smith was faced with an unsold sour cherry crop, he conceived the idea of processing them on his own farm and purchased cherry pitters. The success of that venture led to the acquisition of Biggar's Frosted Foods in 1958, establishing one of the earliest on-farm processing operations in Ontario.

In 1966, he also initiated the Jamaican workers program that relieved growers' problems with a shortage of seasonal labour. The Smiths are an excellent example of agriculture adapting to change, and vision of that nature has contributed to making the Town of Lincoln a Centre of Excellence for Agriculture.

