



# NEWSLETTER

May 14, 2021

## "LINCOLN'S LOST LANDMARKS"

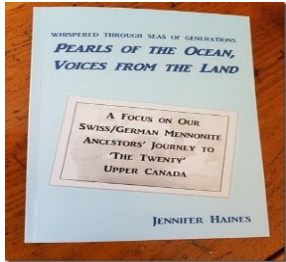
The graceful branches of the trees along  
Victoria Avenue in Vineland



## A LINCOLN HISTORY FRIEND



Mennonite Heritage Centre  
Harleysville, PA

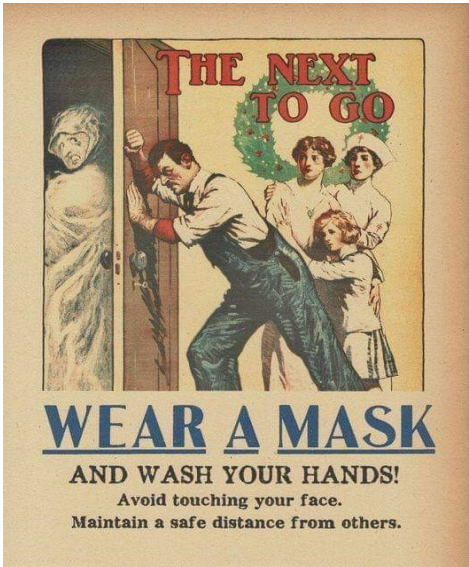


### Pearls of the Ocean, Voices from the Land Author—Jennifer Haines

Jennifer began working on this tale almost 30 years ago, intrigued by her Grandmother's handwritten note. Found in a dusty old dress box was a 1953 Herald newspaper, recording the official opening of the new Historical Museum's Vintage House in Jordan – the note, encircling the margins, read, "This is my grandfather's house" Whispered through the "seas of generations", the story of Swiss/German Mennonite families, who eventually settled in Upper Canada's "Twenty", slowly emerged. To celebrate the impending opening of the new home for the Jordan Historical Museum of the Twenty's artifacts and the people whose stories they honour, she proudly offers this 126-page collection of tales documenting the journey that brought many local families to "The Twenty". Contact Lloyd Haines to obtain your copy today. Cost \$10.00 per copy. [colonist@cogeco.ca](mailto:colonist@cogeco.ca)

## Friends of LINCOLN'S HISTORY BOARD NEWS

Due to the pandemic we currently have no board news. We are hoping to have board meetings again once the lockdown is over. Please stay safe!!!



In case you have never been to the Archives, the picture below shows our main room.



Members are encouraged to send in family stories, histories, pictures, or even queries you may have. We are always looking for news items. Please email us at: [lincolnarchives@gmail.com](mailto:lincolnarchives@gmail.com)

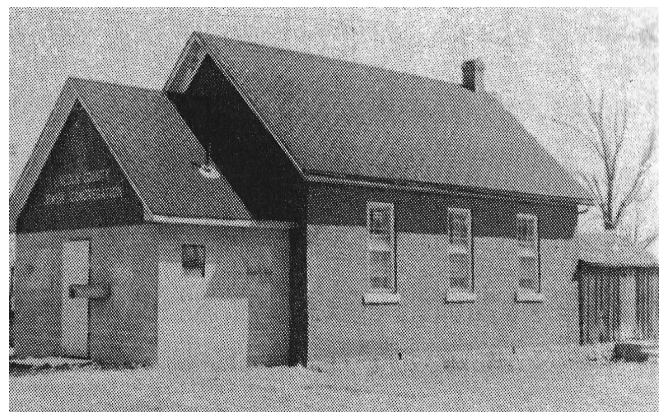
## **GROBB SCHOOL (S.S. #5— Clinton Township)**

**Donated by Mary Lou Garr**

Grobb School was a little one-room school house that was located on the southwest corner of Mountain Street and Fly Road in south Beamsville. It was built in 1868 on a half-acre lot that was purchased from Francis & Jemina Comfort for \$50.00. Inside the floors were made of maple. The blackboards were made from wood and painted black, which often needed to be sanded down and repainted. The teacher's desk was on a raised platform at the front of the room and on her desk sat a handbell which was used to call in the students after recess. There was an oil stove that sat mid room, with a stove pipe running the full length of the room to the chimney. The stove regularly had "blow ups" and expelled smoke and soot all over. Students got their drinking water from a large ceramic water jug with a spigot and a supply of cone cups. The school originally had two outhouses (as you can see in the picture below on the left), but by the 1950s they had two chemical toilets at the back of the school. In the early days school was not compulsory and was not completely funded by the municipality, so parents had to pay 25 cents per child, or a half a cord of firewood, to send their children to school. For some families this might have been a hardship. Many of the older children did not attend regularly, as they were expected to help on the farm. There would not have been sufficient money to purchase supplies, care for the building and pay the teacher. Students in eight different grades learned in that single room, and lessons were often combined. Older kids helped the younger ones so that no one was left behind. Yearly reports of test scores were published in the local paper and listed those who excelled or failed.

In 1964 the school was closed and the students were bused to the Campden School.

In June of 1966 Lincoln's first Jewish Synagogue opened its doors in the building that was once the Grobb school. Following the end of WWII about 20 Jewish families immigrated to Lincoln. At this time the Grobb School property was up for sale. The Jewish settlers contributed towards the purchase, but they did not have enough money to complete the sale. The generous people of Lincoln came forward and helped them with the funds needed to make the purchase. It was officially named the Baron Hirsch Lincoln County Jewish Congregation. When the church closed its doors it became a private home and a second storey was added. That house is still standing today. A picture of the Synagogue is below on the right.



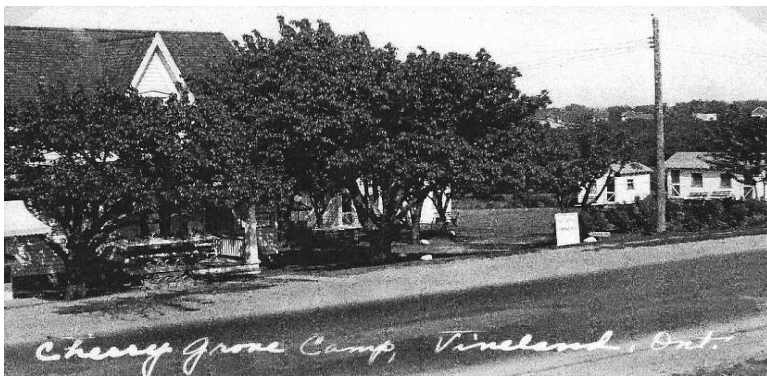
# THE OLD INNS OF VINELAND

By: Ruth M. Smith with many pictures supplied by John Allan

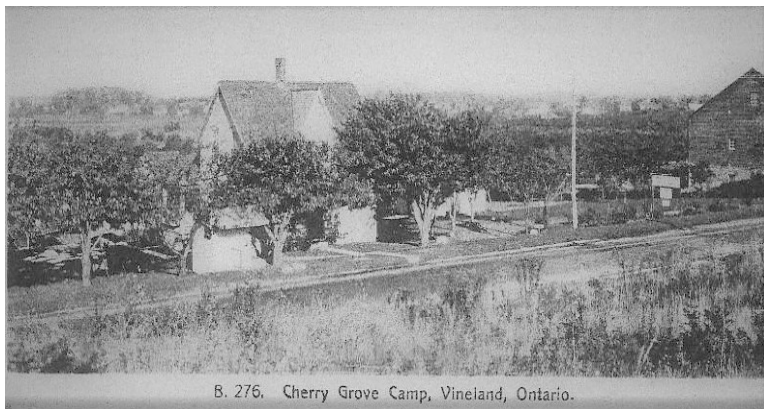
Many of you have been part of the chain of emails circulating recently about some of the old Inns in Lincoln, but for those who missed out, this newsletter will be taking you to the Vineland area. Here we found four known places and one "Mystery Inn"

Looking back—There were two main roads, the Queenston/Grimsby Stone Road and Lakeshore, which would take travellers though the area now known as the Town of Lincoln, until the QEW was completed in 1939. Today the Grimsby Stone Road is known as Regional Road #81 or King Street to some of us. Only parts of the Lakeshore Road are still there—whole sections have been lost to Lake Ontario.

With the advent of the automobile, people were able to travel and explore more freely. There came an explosion of tourist homes, camps, cabins, lodges, etc. Here travellers could stop for a meal, stay overnight or vacation. Many people were trying to escape the city life of Toronto and came out to the country side and beach area. A number of these "places to stop" sprang up along the No. 8 highway during the late 1920s and into the 1960s. After coming through the great depression, this was a way for anyone who had extra rooms, land for cabins or camping facilities, to make some greatly needed income. Some women began selling baked goods, meals and other refreshments to travellers. A new industry was born!!



*Cherry Grove Camp, Vineland, Ont.*



B. 276. Cherry Grove Camp, Vineland, Ontario.

## CHERRY GROVE CAMP

Cherry Grove Camp Inn was on the west side of Vineland, on the north east corner of Rittenhouse Road and Hwy #8. You would have found the cabins nestled among cherry trees. It was owned and operated by Elmon Moyer and his wife.

Elmon was a great-grandson of Rev. Bishop Jacob Moyer and Magdalena Bechtel. The Cherry Grove Camp was on part of Jacob Moyer's land, which he purchased c1800 from a united Empire Loyalist. The pictures are from about 1918.

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### Mary's Inn Tourist Lodge—Vineland

Mary's Inn was on Hwy #8 in Vineland on the east side of the Imperial Bank of Commerce. The house was previously owned by John Wellington & Clarence W. Buck, merchants and undertakers in Beamsville. In 1922 they sold it to Charles E. Richard, a baker from England who then sold it to Elizabeth Mary Main in 1929. Mary was a widow who turned it into a tourist inn with home baking for sale. Mary died in 1941, her estate sold it in 1945 to James Alfred Norman Wilds, who became a well-known barber in Vineland. The picture was taken in 1931.



### Elmhurst Inn—Vineland

The Elmhurst Inn was in Vineland on the north side of Hwy. #8 approximate vicinity of the Foodland parking lot. It started as a small farm with a fruit stand. A separate square building with a verandah around 3 sides was later built to serve as an inn and a gas station with the pumps out front. The proprietor was G. Wornett. The huge Elm tree in the picture was cut down to make way for the construction of the grocery store, now Foodland.



In the recently taken picture below, you will find a kiosk and cabins that were once called **Santulli's or Midway Inn**. It was on the east side of Vineland, west of the Tallman's Funeral Home. According to Gord Polych, it was known as Santulli's. This building began its life as a fruit & vegetable stand in the village of Jordan on the property of George Webster Haines (1857-1942) and Sarah E. Laws (1856-1942). They had 3 sons; Roy W. Haines, who was a broker. Archibald J. Haines, who founded Jordan Wines with a partner and was MPP for the area. The third son, Mearl Haines, was a farmer who lived in the house on the north side of what is now Creighton Antiques in Jordan. The kiosk was originally built in the driveway between the two houses. In 1926, due to an accident Mearl passed away. Reta Haines, niece of Mearl and granddaughter of George Webster & Sarah Haines, remembers the fruit stand being moved to Vineland. In 1919 Norman D. Miller purchased a 17 acre farm in Vineland, where this picture was taken, and later moved the Kiosk from Jordan and built some cabins to rent. He also sold refreshments as well as fruits and vegetables. The Santulli family owned this property into the 1950s or 60s.







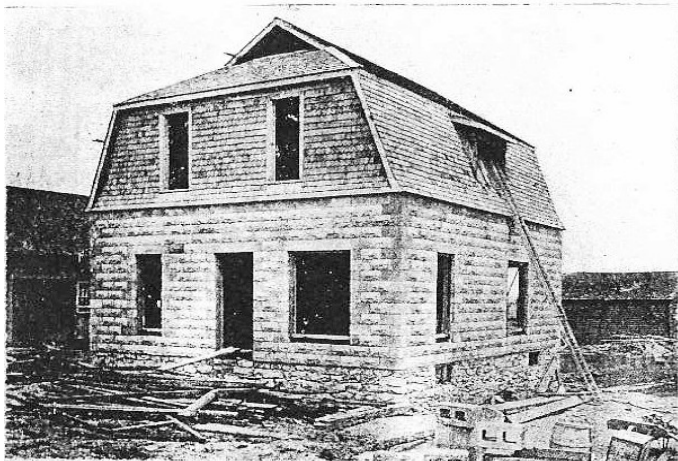
**The "Mystery" Midway Inn** - This picture was found on the internet and people have been trying to determine just where this 1 1/2 story house, with a 2-storey addition to the front was. Al Pulchinsky sent the following information to us - "When my family was travelling west from St. Catharines in 1951, I was 9 years old, my family moved from St. Catharines to Vineland. During our journey to Vineland, we passed the Jordan House and then proceeded down through the valley and up the hill and came to the straight away. On the right (north) side was the Midway Inn"

At one time along the 'straight away' there were some small acreage fruit farms, similar in size to the Santulli's farm. None of the original buildings are still standing, there are now new houses as well as Tallman's Funeral Home.

If you can help with our mystery Inn please let us know. Please email us at [lincolnarchives@gmail.com](mailto:lincolnarchives@gmail.com)

## The Great Lincoln Cement Block Challenge

Do you know where all the cement block buildings are in Lincoln? Since spring has now come upon us, lets get out and see how many cement block buildings you can find. So far we have been able to count 7, plus many homes just used it as the foundation. Let us know what you find. Submit your findings to [lincolnarchives@gmail.com](mailto:lincolnarchives@gmail.com)



### ARE YOU THINKING OF BUILDING THIS SUMMER

It is now a well known fact that Cement is the most economical building material as well as being the more pleasing in appearance and the most durable. It will pay to erect your buildings with

## CEMENT BLOCKS

manufactured by me with the

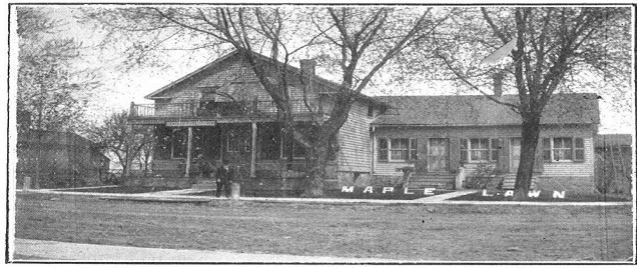
The Ideal Cement Block Machine

E. WERNER

Vineland - Ontario

## CAMPDEN BUSINESSES IN 1885

Boots & Shoes—Daniel Allbright  
 Carpenter—W.A. Book  
 Campden Butter & Cheese Co.  
 Blacksmith—B.F. & G. Crumb  
 Painter—F.H. Eckhardt  
 Wagon Maker—E.N. Fry  
 Harness Maker—C. Heaslip  
 Plaining Mill—Michael Honsberger  
 General Store—J.M. Moyer  
 Butcher—F.M. Butcher  
 Stove & Tin Wear—H.W. Moyer  
 Potter—Daniel Orth  
 Saw Mill—Andrew Spies  
 Watch Maker—Andrew Wismer  
 Hotel—Daniel Zimmerman  
 Physician—W.A. Comfort  
 Insurance Agent—F.H. Moyer  
 Dressmaker—Priscilla Moyer  
 Fruit Evaporator—Y.W. Moyer  
 Painter—I.W. Moyer  
 Cheese Maker—Thomas Marten  
 Furniture Maker & Undertaking Store



Campden Post Office 1907

*Campden - 8-19-1886.*

*Mr. H. Honsberger*  
 IN ACCOUNT WITH  
 THE CAMPDEN CHEESE & BUTTER CO.  
 Sale No. *2* from *6-16* to *7-31* 188*6*

CR.	
By No. lbs. Milk.....	<i>1746.</i>
No. lbs. milk to lb. Cheese.....	<i>10.664</i>
Total lbs. Cheese.....	<i>169.73</i>
Price per lb.....	<i>08</i> <del><i>9.809</i></del>
Total value of Cheese.....	<i>13.59</i>
DR.	
To Manufacturing and other expenses.....	<i>7.02</i>
To..... lbs Cheese.....	
Total.....	<i>4.09</i>
Balance.....	<i>9.00</i>

# Village of Campden

## By-law Number 1

By-law to prevent fast or immoderate riding or driving

Whereas it is necessary and expedient to pass a By-law to prevent fast riding or driving on any of the streets of the Police Village of Campden, be it therefore enacted, and it is hereby enacted, by the Trustees of the Police Village of Campden, that any person or persons are forbidden to ride or drive at a faster rate of speed than **EIGHT MILES PER HOUR** on any of the streets in Campden will be liable to a fine of not less than **ONE DOLLAR**, not more than **TEN DOLLARS** for each offence, upon a conviction before any Magistrate in the County. This by-law takes effect on and after the passing thereof, passed this fourteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Ten.

Signed: Frank Honsberger and James A Moyer



## New Township By-Law

On April 2, 1850, The Township of Louth passed the following by-law.

"That it shall not be lawful for any horses, oxen, bulls, boars, rams and all other unruly animals to run at large at anytime in the township.

And be it further enacted, that it shall not be lawful; for any bull or ram six months old, or any boar over three months to run at large at any time, and any person or persons being the owner or owners of any bull, boar or ram as aforesaid and who shall knowingly and willfully allow the same to run at large shall be liable to a fine of five shillings currency, to be paid to the pound keeper.

And be it further enacted etc., that it shall not be lawful for any pigs, under three months old to run at large at any time.

And be it further enacted, that all animals running at large contrary to the above act shall be liable to be dealt with according to the provisions, of Statute 1st, Victoria, Chapter 21.

(Signed) - William Adams, Reeve and John Roberts, Clerk.

COME IN AND HEAR

the new

## Columbia Records

which we have just received

Among the songs and dances that are now popular in centres such as Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Vancouver, New York and Chicago, are :

Mary Pickford's official song, entitled—			
A 1701	Sweetheart of Mine I'm Not Ashamed of You, Mollie }	.85	
As well as these			
A 1686	Somewhere a Voice is Calling Whispering Hope }	\$1.00	
A 5649	Handel's Largo, by Casals Melody in F, by Casals The world's greatest Cellist	\$1.50	
A 1694	She Used to be the Slowest Girl in Town Wrap Me in a Bundle	.85	
A 1696	Cows May Come, Cows May Go, But the Bull Goes on Forever	.85	
A 5646	A Perfect Day Suzi	\$1.25	
A 5647	Back to the Carolina You Love Polka Populaire	\$1.25	

The most up-to-date stock of Gramofones and Records for miles around is to be seen and heard at

## R. F. Greves, Beamsville

Agents wanted where not actively represented. Apply Music Supply Co., Toronto

Newspaper ad dated April 19, 1915.

## MAY IN LINCOLN

By: Wesley Frank Nunnemaker

Oh, What a glorious month is May,  
When Lincoln bursts its full array  
Of blossomed orchards, pink and white,  
A magical and wondrous sight!  
Such wealth of beauty clothes the trees,  
And lends a fragrance to the breeze,  
It tantalizes sight and mind;  
Its splendour scattered unconfined.

In May, I joy to idly roam  
Through the Peninsula, my home,  
To linger in the orchards there,  
And gaze up through the blossoms rare;  
Their delicate and living hue  
On a background of Heaven's blue  
Where great white clouds traverse the sky—  
A painted scene by God on High.

Oh, what a glorious month is May!  
How fitting, too, that Mother's Day  
Should in it fall, when the whole earth  
Is resurrected to new birth.  
The bluebirds and robins sing  
Their melodies of praise to Spring.  
Enchantment, far beyond compare,  
Is found in Lincoln everywhere.

## Vigilant Society.

**A PUBLIC MEETING** will be held at Jordan, on Saturday the 11th inst., at 1 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of forming a Society, the object of which will be to adopt measures for the detection of HORSE THIEVES, and the recovery of HORSES that may be stolen from any person included by the regulations of the Society.

A general invitation is hereby given to the inhabitants of adjoining townships, who feel an interest in the objects sought to be obtained.  
Louth, June 2nd, 1842.

BARNABY HANES, PETER BRADT,  
JOHN COSBY, PARMER BUCKBEE,  
DANIEL MOORE, FREDERICK SCHRAM,  
JONAS STEEL.