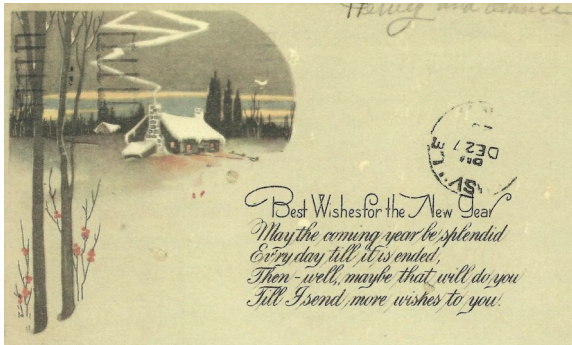




NEWSLETTER

November 26, 2021



These are some of the many Christmas Post Cards we have here at the Archives. Today it seems that fewer people are sending Christmas cards.



Recent donations presented to the Archives:

From Lewis Coffman—Soap Box Derby Memorabilia and Coffman Family treasures.

From Darlene Rittenhouse—A Rittenhouse School patch

A rare 1862 map of Lincoln & Welland counties from the Smithville Archives.

Eugene Perry has rescued boxes of family photos from several different household moves. We are still trying to determine who all the people are. We will add some of these to our future newsletters in hopes that someone will recognize them.

Marvin Dickie has given us a wall map showing where all the old mills were in the original Clinton & Louth townships. The map was drawn by Historian Sandy Dickie.

Friends of LINCOLN'S HISTORY BOARD NEWS

Our ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held on December 7th at 7pm via Zoom. The invitation to attend will be sent out to all members on December 3rd. Please watch out for the invitation and join us.

If any member is interested in joining the Friends of Lincoln's History Board, we are holding elections at the AGM. Please email us if interested at:

lincolnarchives@gmail.com

Our new Facebook page is up and running please come and visit us at: [LINCOLN ARCHIVES](https://www.facebook.com/LINCOLN-ARCHIVES)

Gary Dandridge has recently joined the Archives volunteers. He will be tracing the historical records of homes on some of the oldest streets in Beamsville & Jordan Station. **WELCOME GARY !**

Mary Lou and Karen attended Pioneer Day at the Museum this fall. They raised funds selling books and copies of maps. They spoke to many people interested in the Archives.

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

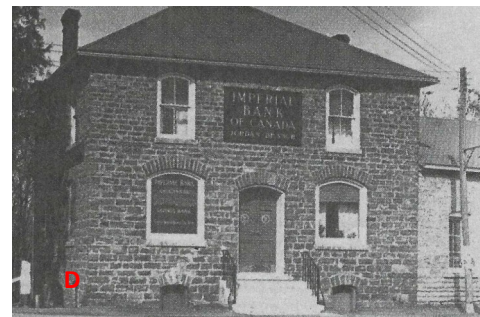
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MAIN STREET SOUTH JORDAN



The above picture is of Main Street South in Jordan, looking south . This old picture has a number of landmark buildings., and it has a rare picture of the Town Hall.

- A From the left, the small white building was the Town Hall which is no longer standing. This building sat behind where the present day Jordan House sits.
- B The large white two storey on left is the hotel portion of the Jordan House that we know today.
- C In the centre at the back is Snure's General Store which is also no longer standing. (See picture on the right)
- D. The stone house and garage in the back on the right is still standing and today and is known as the Zimmerman House. The picture to the right is also a picture of the Zimmerman House. This stone cut building was actually built in 1869 by James Snure,. The Imperial Bank of Commerce occupied it from 1910 to 1951. Attached to this building was originally a Blacksmith Shop.
- E. In the picture above you can see two smaller building to the right of the Zimmerman garage. This is where The Emporium now sits. It was once Casper Miller's house and tailor shop. (See Casper Miller's story on the next page)



The picture on the bottom right is just another view of Main Street. but looking north instead. In this picture you can also see The Wismer Carriage shop on the left in the back. This picture must have been taken before the great fire of 1895.

This area of Main Street in Jordan is due for an update in 2022-2023. The town will be closing off access from Main Street to King Street, and will be installing a pedestrian Square between the Jordan House and The Emporium.



Casper Miller—Tailor in Jordan

Casper Miller was born in Bavaria Germany 26 Nov 1828 and immigrated to Canada in 1849. He died 15 Jan 1917 at aged 88 years, 1 month and 19 days. He is buried in the Snure Cemetery along with his wife and two children. Casper married Georgina F. Dressel - Born 19 Jul 1838 in Bremen, Germany. Georgina passed away in 04 Dec 1901. She immigrated to Canada through New York City on 02 Oct 1856 with her parents:

Father: Johannes Dressel born 1807 in Germany. He immigrated to Canada through New York City on 22 Sep 1841. He died in 1892 in Hamilton, Ontario – Buried in Snure Cemetery.

Mother: Catharine M. Lowenstein born in Germany in Oct 1813. She died in Lincoln 19 Feb 1880 – Buried in Snure Cemetery

Children born to Casper and Georgina:

Katie F. - Born in 1864 – Died 02 Mar 1880 – Buried in Snure Cemetery

Caroline Mary Miller – b. 1865 – Married in 1890 to John August Schnick - Tailor

Anna Louisa Miller – b. 23 Sept 1869 – Married 04 Dec. 1907 to Jacob Rittenhouse b. 1875

Jacob's Parents – Abraham Rittenhouse & Christiana Kinsley

Mina (Minnie) Margaret – b. 17 Sep 1872 in Jordan – Married 01 Mar 1900 to Philip Henry Wismer of Jordan Station
Philip's Parents Joseph Wismer and Mary Fretz

Ida Miller – b. 1875 - The 1901 census shows her still living at home at age 25

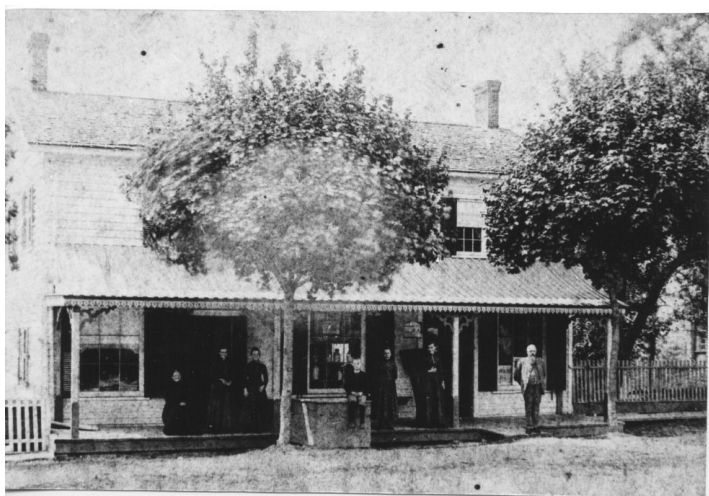
John Charles Miller b. 21 Feb 1877 in Jordan, Louth – Married 19 Sept 1906 in Smithville to Mary Isabella Henning
Mary was born – b. In 1879 her parents were: Nathaniel P. Henning & Jane Tanner
1911 Census shows John living in Hamilton West as a tailor.

William Hugo – Born 27 Dec 1881 – Died 13 May 1885 – Buried in Snure Cemetery

Minnie Elizabeth b. 18 Feb 1885 – m. Charles Bauer

Deed # 224 shows he bought ¼ Acre south of Lot #1, West side of Main Street on March 25, 1868 from James Snure. He had his home and tailor shop there.

Deed # 5579 shows that on 27 Mar 1912 property was sold to Michael Bauer (who married Minnie Elizabeth see above)



The above picture was taken in approx.. 1883.

From left to right: Georgina Miller, Annie Louisa Miller, Minnie Margaret Miller, John Chas. Miller, Ida Henrietta Miller, Carolyn May Miller, John Casper Miller and Elizabeth (lizzie) Miller.

Casper Miller's Tailor shop was on Main street in Jordan where The Emporium now stands. "His busy shop had several employees, including August Schnick who later married Casper's oldest daughter, Caroline, who later helped her husband set up a tailor shop in Smithville. "

"Besides several large, well lit work rooms, the front part of the shop was equipped with showcases for a small retail business he carried on as a side line. This was a place for women to come and buy needles and thread. They also carried a limited stock of groceries, such as tea, coffee, sugar and candy for the children. They had a thriving business through the latter part of the century." (From Barbara Coffman's article in Tales of the Twenty—Canadian German Folklore).

Casper is listed in Mitchell & Co. Gazetteer for Lincoln in 1865 as a tailor & draper in Jordan. He was also listed in the 1889 Voters' list for Louth.

Life in a Farmerette Camp

To begin with we lived in a packing house which is a first cousin to a barn. We will now give you a play by play description of a day in camp.

At 6:15 precisely a cowbell rings but it is greeted only by loud groans and a too feeble attempt to roll out of bed. Fifteen minutes later the breakfast bell rouses everyone and everything. There is a mad, dazed rush to the washroom where half-closed eyes become open by the invigorating and chilling effect of the icy water. The breakfast room is then visited hurriedly, as we have to gulp down our food and climb into the truck, using one hand to elevate ourselves and the other one to cram the remainder of our breakfast into our mouths.

We are awakened thoroughly on the ride to work by the chilly air and the bumpy road to the orchard, where all passengers are discharged gratis. We begin our labour which is picking fruit and after nine hours the foreman regards the fruits of our labour with what we hope is an approving glance.

At five o'clock, no whistle needed to induce us to discontinue any activity, which may have been apparent during the day as we have been asking the time every five minutes in the last four hours. At 5:01 the truck is ready to leave for our derelict castle. The next hour and a half is spent reading our mail and then scrubbing the dirt off.

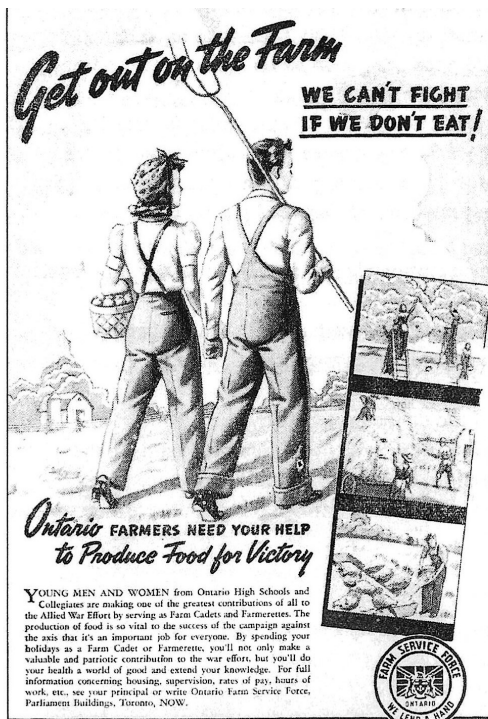
At 6:30 the cow bell rings again and this time we are in the dining hall before the last clang of the bell dies away, greedily grabbing for a plate. Soon the plates are emptied and filled once more. (We drink 45 qtrs. of milk a day and eat 20 loafs of bread a day). After replenishing our calories we make lunches for the next day. In the evening the girls go out on various activities. On late leave nights the Cinderella's arrive back to camp at 12 p.m. and on other nights the lights are out at ten. Two late leaves a week are enjoyed.

But seriously we would not have missed these experiences for anything. We are looking forward to another holiday with pay in 1942. we now feel that we are doing our bit towards bringing our country nearer to victory.

Signed: yours sincerely,

The Clinton Farmerettes (Helen Herman, Jean Hearn, Winnifred James, Phyllis Herman, Catherine Jefferson, Dorothy Macintyre, Phyllis Manning and Fannie Lavis)

Above article donated to Archives by Bonnie Sitter

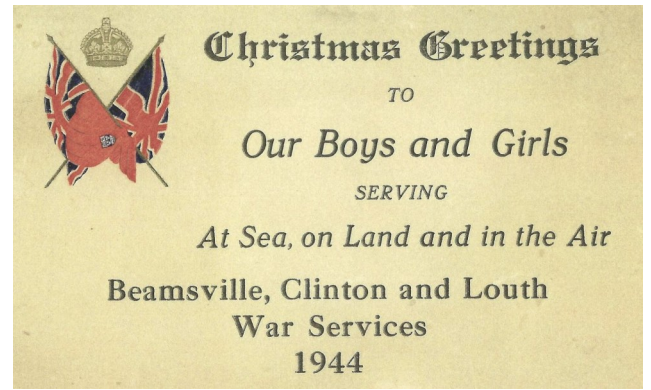


Ira Moyer's Camp Song

(Tune: Roll Along Silv'ry Moon)

Roll along, Farmerettes, roll along
Roll along, Farmerettes, roll along
Oh we're here to lend a hand
While working on the land
Roll along, Farmerettes, roll along
Tie up vines, Farmerettes, tie up vines
Tie up vines, Farmerettes, tie up vines
Tie up vines 'till we're done
Till the setting of the sun
Tie up vines, Farmerettes, tie up vines
Oh we joined for the money and the fun
Yes we joined for the money and fun
The money there is none
But the fun has just begun
Roll along, Farmerettes, roll along.

They all did their part in helping out the war effort



This picture (Courtesy of The Hamilton Spectator) from October 1942 is of members of Beamsville, Clinton and Louth war services committee packing Christmas boxes for soldiers overseas. Co-operating in the services work are the councils of Beamsville village and Clinton and Louth townships, I.O.D.E., Women's Institute branches of Beamsville, Vineland and Jordan. Lions club. A.R.P., Canadian Legion, Beamsville Business Men's association, Masonic and Rebekah lodges.

The ladies in the picture are from left to right: Mrs. Ernest Juhlke (seated), Mrs. R.H. Kennedy, Mrs. Frank Thompson, Mrs. Earl Konkle, Mrs. Fred Jeffrey, Mrs. James Platts, Mrs. Russell Blaine and Mrs. Harry Banks.

Part of the basic training for soldiers began in Niagara-on-the-lake. Part of that training consisted of long marches to Hamilton or Toronto. These marches took place along what is now Hwy. #8. When local residents realized the men were walking through Vineland, some of the ladies got together and organized a rest stop for the men and served them refreshments.

Where is "Pieland" - This letter appeared in the Beamsville Express November 3, 1915.

Hamilton, Ontario—Oct. 28th, 1915

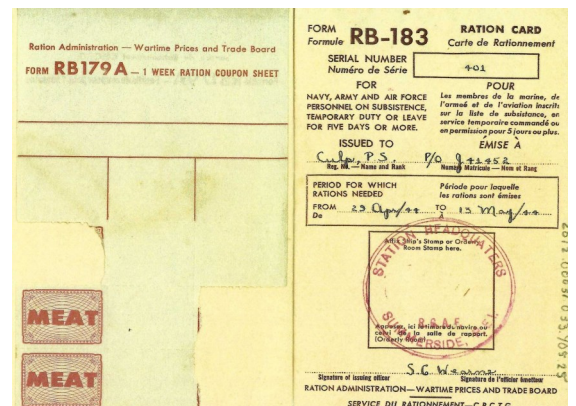
To: Post Mistress—Vineland

Dear Madam: On behalf of the officers, Non Com. Officers and the men of 68 Bn. C.E.F., I desire to thank the good ladies of Vineland for their gracious act of kindness in providing us with such a generous provision of dainties as we passed through your village on our route march. I would ask you to please convey to as many of them as you can, our appreciation of their hospitality. Our thanks are also due to many of your good men for looking after our horses and in other way seconding the efforts of your ladies.

I am madam: Yours very sincerely, Harry A. Genet, Lieut. Col. OC 68th B. CEF.

The Beamsville Express, November 10, 1915.

The ladies of Vineland have distributed to the soldiers over two thousand pies in addition to cakes, soup, and coffee. The village is known to the military authorities as PIELAND.



During the war many items were rationed like some of the items on this page. Gasoline, Canning Sugar, Meat. And Butter. At the Archives we have many examples of rationing coupons . The one above is for meat.

You could also buy War Saving Stamps to help the war effort. Everyone did their part . Hooray !!!

.....and the debate is still going on today

Daylight savings bill opposed by Lincoln County Board of Agriculture Jan. 11, 1908.
Moved by Hudson Usher—Queenston and William Honsberger—Jordan

“We the board of Agriculture of Lincoln County believe that the “Daylight Saving Bill” passed by our Federal Parliament has been detrimental to the Agricultural and Fruit growing interests of our County, in view of the fact that in account of weather conditions about half the time of each forenoon has been wasted and farm labour has been disorganized, some labourers commencing daily operations on the old time and others on the new time, thus causing dissension between the farmer and his help. In addition to the above mentioned facts, it is the case that on days of unfavorable weather conditions, such as dew and rain, one hour less time has been afforded the farmer and especially the fruit growers in which to get this produce to the railroad and steamboat shipping points, since the schedules of the transportation companies have changed in accordance with the new Daylight Saving Bill.

Taking into consideration all of the above facts and in view of the effort on the part of farmers and fruit growers towards increased production, despite the shortage of labour, be it resolved that this Board of Agriculture for Lincoln County has itself on record as being strongly opposed to the aforementioned Daylight Saving Bill and in the interest of the starving humanity in Europe we ask that the said bill be repealed and that this copy of the resolution be sent to the local Federal Member, the Minister of Trade and commerce, the Prime Minister of Canada, the Leader of the Opposition and the Leader of the Senate.

Signed on behalf and for the Lincoln County Board of Agriculture.

Chas. H. Claus, President

Fred Stewart, Vice President

Herbert Houser, Secretary

Picture on left was taken at
Campbell's Marina showing
the change of seasons.

Picture courtesy of The Standard





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