



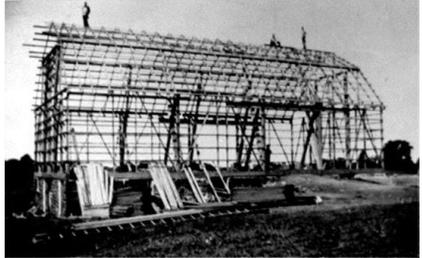
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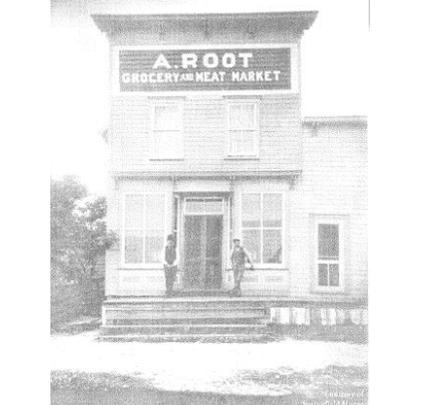
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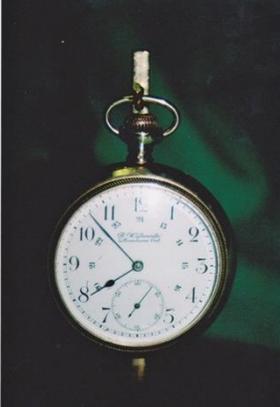
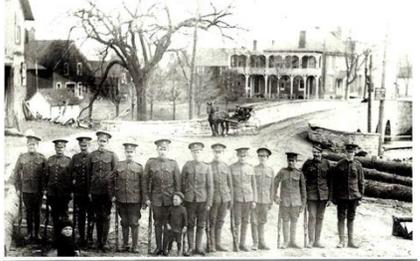


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1	<p>Pictured below is the Brady Barn. This timber frame barn was built on Berryton Road in the 1920's. The timbers were sawn rather than hewn, but the finishing and assembly of the frame was done using centuries-old techniques.</p> <p>(Information collected from and image courtesy of the Leeds and Thousand Islands Archives)</p>	
2	<p>This photograph shows the Presbyterian Church of the Covenant in Lansdowne. The photograph was taken shortly after the church was built in 1931.</p> <p>(Information collected from tithistoricalsociety.org. Image courtesy of the Leeds and Thousand Islands Archives)</p>	
3	<p>By the 1930's, provincial highways were being plowed by local contractors using machines such as this one, owned by C.W. Hartley of Seeley's Bay. Township roads were cleared by farmers along each road who worked together using teams of horses that pulled V-plows made from planks.</p> <p>(Information collected from and image courtesy of the Leeds and Thousand Islands Archives)</p>	
4	<p>Pictured below is the Soperton general store. Every hamlet had a store that sold items which could not be produced at home such as gasoline, coal oil, soft drinks and tobacco. In many cases these small stores housed the community post office.</p> <p>(Information collected from and image courtesy of the Leeds and Thousand Islands Archives)</p>	

<p>5</p>	<p>Here is a photograph of the Harvey Mill located on the east bank of the Gananoque River at Lyndhurst. The Harvey Mill was built on the site of the Lansdowne Iron Works furnace.</p> <p>(Information collected from and image courtesy of the Leeds and Thousand Islands Archives)</p>	
<p>6</p>	<p>This photograph is of a group of local Rockport men who built cottages along the river in Rockport. Prominent figures of this group include Anson Address, Walter Seaman, Delbert Root and Fred Hunt.</p>	
<p>7</p>	<p>This photograph, circa 1928, shows the Heaslip Store in Escott. The photograph includes Charlie and Fanny Heaslip, and Fanny's husband, Ernie Kelly, who ran the Heaslip Store from the 1920's to the 1970's. Unfortunately, in 1976, an old gas pump was left on and the store burned down. The store was previously located on the King's Highway 2 in Escott. This store gained a lot of attention because it was along the route from Toronto to Montreal before the introduction of Highway 401.</p> <p>(Image courtesy of lthistoricalsociety.org)</p>	
<p>8</p>	<p>This photograph, circa 1949, shows the Lansdowne Post Office.</p> <p>(Image courtesy of the Leeds and Thousand Islands Archives)</p>	
<p>9</p>	<p>This photograph shows one of the two general stores in Rockport at the time this photograph was taken. Abel Root, who built the store, is on the right of the photograph. The Customs office was at one time upstairs, which is why Customs Officer Dixon is to the left of Root. The building operated as a store until the early 1980's, when it then became a gift shop and later a post office for Rockport.</p>	

<p>10</p>	<p>This photograph shows the Soperton Cemetery, established in 1805. It is the resting place of many notable people from that era: Peter Howard, who was an MLA, Levi Soper, who served in the Leeds militia during the War of 1812, and Truman Hicock, a land speculator and magistrate. Hicock, Soper and Howard were all supporters of the Reform Party and participated in the Beverley election riot of 1836.</p> <p>(Information collected from and image courtesy of the Leeds and Thousand Islands Archives)</p>	
<p>11</p>	<p>This photograph shows a watch owned by Lansdowne resident and author William Boulton. It was made from watchmaker Byron Leverett who was in business on Prince Street in Lansdowne around 1910 to 1920. Leverett closed his Lansdowne business in 1922 and moved to Buell Street in Brockville. Then, in 1923, he rented a room from Peter McVeigh and was in Lansdowne for watch repairs once a week.</p> <p>(Image courtesy of and information collected from William Boulton)</p>	
<p>12</p>	<p>This photograph shows Naomi and Nathan Vanorman boiling maple sap. Nathan was the cheesemaker at the Cheeseborough cheese factory in the 1940's. Naomi and Nathan's great grandfather, William Vanorman, came to Lansdowne in the late 1860's.</p> <p>(Images courtesy of the Leeds and Thousand Islands Archives)</p>	
<p>13</p>	<p>This photograph shows World War I (1914-1918) soldiers in Lyndhurst. Not all the men have been identified but all were local. It is likely that they were training in Elgin and had come to Lyndhurst to promote the war effort.</p> <p>(Information collected from and image courtesy of the Leeds and Thousand Islands Archives)</p>	
<p>14</p>	<p>This photograph is of one of three original picnic shelters built in 1904 at the St. Lawrence Islands National Park. These shelters were used for family get-togethers and church suppers. The west end of Grenadier Island became a part of the national park in 1904, along with the mainland property at Mallorytown Landing and nine islands between Brockville and Gananoque.</p>	

<p>15</p>	<p>This photograph shows the La Rue Creek near La Rue Mills Road. In 1784, Vermonter Billa La Rue and his family, loyal to Britain in the War of Independence, fled to Canada. They settled at this creek and built a saw and grist mill, which were some of the earliest in the region and important in the lives of early settlers. The sturdy log house is one of the region's oldest homes and still stands and is lived in today. In 1900, the wood centre of the bridge (rebuilt version pictured) collapsed as Robert Poole Jr. was passing over it by carriage on his way to church in Mallorytown. Fortunately, he and his passengers survived having sustained minor injuries.</p> <p>(Information collected from frontenacarchbiosphere.ca)</p>	
<p>16</p>	<p>This photograph from the early 1900's shows the Merchant's Bank of Canada branch on Prince Street in Lansdowne. Also in the photograph is a bicycle shop and Byron Leverett's watchmaking shop.</p> <p>(Image courtesy of the Leeds and Thousand Islands Archives)</p>	
<p>17</p>	<p>This photograph, taken in 1912 by John Buick Harvey, shows a one-horse carriage crossing a busy Lyndhurst Bridge.</p> <p>(Image courtesy of the Leeds and Thousand Islands Archives)</p>	
<p>18</p>	<p>This photograph, taken in the 1960's, shows staff in front of the Heffernan Restaurant on the east end of Grenadier Island. Evelyn and Walter Allen ran the restaurant from 1964 to 1974 for Joe Capone from Alexandria Bay, who bought the restaurant from Geordie and Myrtle Heffernan. The restaurant's corn and chicken dinners were famous on both sides of the river - with up to 60 or 70 people sometimes there for dinner.</p>	
<p>19</p>	<p>This photograph, taken in 1910 by J.W. Heaslip, shows the Sand Bay School S.S #18. The school section was organized around 1861 and land was donated by William Horton. In 1954, the Sand Bay school was closed and the students were moved to Fairfax School S.S. #14 until it closed in 1957 and the students were moved to Greenfield School S.S. #3.</p> <p>(Information collected from tithistoricalsociety.org. Image courtesy of the Leeds and Thousand Islands Archives)</p>	

<p>20</p>	<p>This photograph, circa 1905, shows John Baile inside of his one-horse drawn cab, used to conduct business, on King Street in Lansdowne. Mr. Baile sold many goods including coal oil, bars of soap, onions, prunes, and butter. As well, he operated a bakery on the corner of King Street and Prince Street that was housed in the building later known as E.E. Johnson's hardware store. In 1913, Mr. Baile moved to Red Deer, Alberta.</p> <p>(Information collected from and image courtesy of the Leeds and Thousand Islands Archives)</p>	
<p>21</p>	<p>This photograph shows Point Comfort, located on Downie Island on the St. Lawrence River. Point Comfort was originally built as a private boys' school; however, it was renovated into a hotel in the early 1900's and could accommodate over one hundred guests. A cabin at Point Comfort once served as a custom building operated by customs officer Samuel Consaul, who lived in Lansdowne.</p> <p>(Information collected from oliverkilian.com/ecology/thousand-islands/island-insights/recreation/recreation.html. Image courtesy of the Leeds and Thousand Islands Archives)</p>	
<p>22</p>	<p>This photograph, taken in 1905 by John Buick Harvey, shows the mills at Lyndhurst.</p> <p>(Image courtesy of the Leeds and Thousand Islands Archives)</p>	
<p>23</p>	<p>Here is a photograph of the Echo Lodge near Ivy Lea. The Echo Lodge began serving as a hotel in the 1800's. The property was sold to the Government of Ontario for park purposes in the 1960's.</p> <p>(Information collected from oliverkilian.com/ecology/thousand-islands/island-insights/recreation/recreation.html. Image courtesy of the Leeds and Thousand Islands Archives)</p>	
<p>24</p>	<p>This postcard shows construction on the Grand Trunk Railway bridge over the Gananoque River in 1902. Construction occurred to accommodate the double tracking that was being introduced on this section of the main Grand Trunk Railway line. In the right of the picture is the pump house which stood between the roadway and the river bank. A steam powered pump supplied water from the river to the locomotive engines.</p> <p>(Information collected from and image courtesy of the Leeds and Thousand Islands Archives)</p>	

<p>25</p>	<p>This photograph, taken in July of 1906, shows a downstream view of the Warren truss-styled, two-span bridge near Marble Rock. A dam is visible underneath of the bridge. The mill is situated on the east bank of the river between the bridge and the dam. The iron guard house, which was made in Gananoque at the Leeds Bridge & Iron Company, was installed at Marble Rock in 1903 and stood beyond the mill.</p>	
<p>26</p>	<p>Here is a photograph of students from the Wilstead School S.S. #5 in the 1936-1937 school year. (Image courtesy of the Leeds and Thousand Islands Archives)</p>	
<p>27</p>	<p>This photograph from 1955 shows the Warburton Warriors hockey team inside of the Lansdowne Arena. (Image courtesy of the Leeds and Thousand Islands Archives)</p>	
<p>28</p>	<p>Here is a photograph of the South Lake Cheese Factory on the McCalpin Farm. (Image courtesy of the Leeds and Thousand Islands Archives)</p>	
<p>29</p>	<p>This photograph, from June 30, 1923, shows an examiner from the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto with some students and teacher, Mrs. Johnson, in Lansdowne. (Image courtesy of the Leeds and Thousand Islands Archives)</p>	
<p>30</p>	<p>Here is a photograph of students from the Rockfield School S.S. #20 in 1953. (Image courtesy of the Leeds and Thousand Islands Archives)</p>	

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This photograph shows the Government House on Grenadier Island. The house was originally built for the lighthouse keeper, Albert Root, on property that was owned by the Root family until 1865 when it became a federal lighthouse reserve. In 1904, the lighthouse reserve became part of the St. Lawrence Islands National Park. This building was then torn down in 1927, when the Grenadier Island Country Club was founded.

