

Residence of Seth Jones

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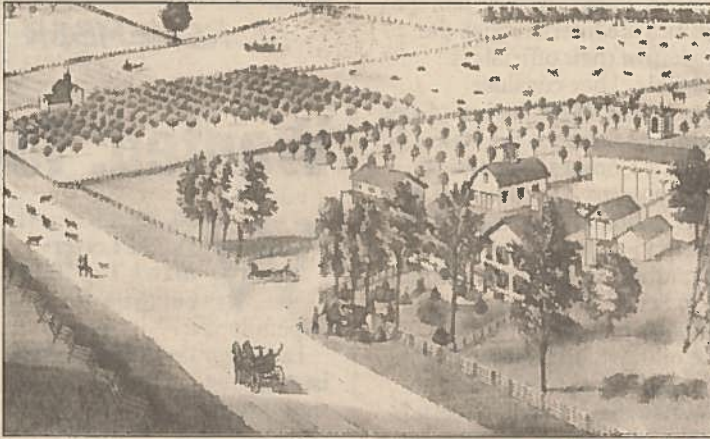
This wonderful scene published in the Illustrated Historical Album of Orleans County in 1879, depicts the farm of Seth Jones, located on the Center Road in the Town of Kendall.

This is a lithograph which in essence was a drawing done upon limestone and transferred by ink to paper. It is based on a photograph but with artistic interpretation as it comes out being a bird's eye view.

In this illustration we are exposed to a scene of great prosperity and activity.

Our view is looking southwest with Center Road in the foreground where a horse drawn carriage drives by. Ahead of this a man on horseback and a dog appear to be driving eight cattle up the road. At the front gate of the main residence another carriage is stopped with a man holding onto the team of horses as a fast moving rig leaves the driveway.

The fields also show activity with a hay rake in use and the loading of loose hay onto a wagon. Here we see haycocks in the field. Note the number of cows in the pasture lot as well as a number of fruit trees in at least two orchards. Right behind the



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barn is also a horse pasture.

The buildings are also of interest in this picture.

A large main dwelling gives the appearance of prosperity. A tenant house for a hired man was typical of many 19th century farms as this. Behind these houses are numerous other buildings including: a carriage and horse barn, a large cattle barn both with cupolas, a scale house, hen house and the ubiquitous privy.

To the far right, a windmill for pumping well water for not only livestock but also domestic needs. Often large tanks were located in barns banked with hay to keep from freezing. Once

filled by the windmill, gravity fed water could be used for the animals and sinks in the house.

Notice also the landscaping in the front lawn, which consists of decorative trees and flowerbeds. The cellar windows are exposed as people back then did not surround their houses with shrubbery, but put it out in the yard away from the buildings.

Seth Jones was the son of David Jones, one of the first settlers in the Town of Kendall.