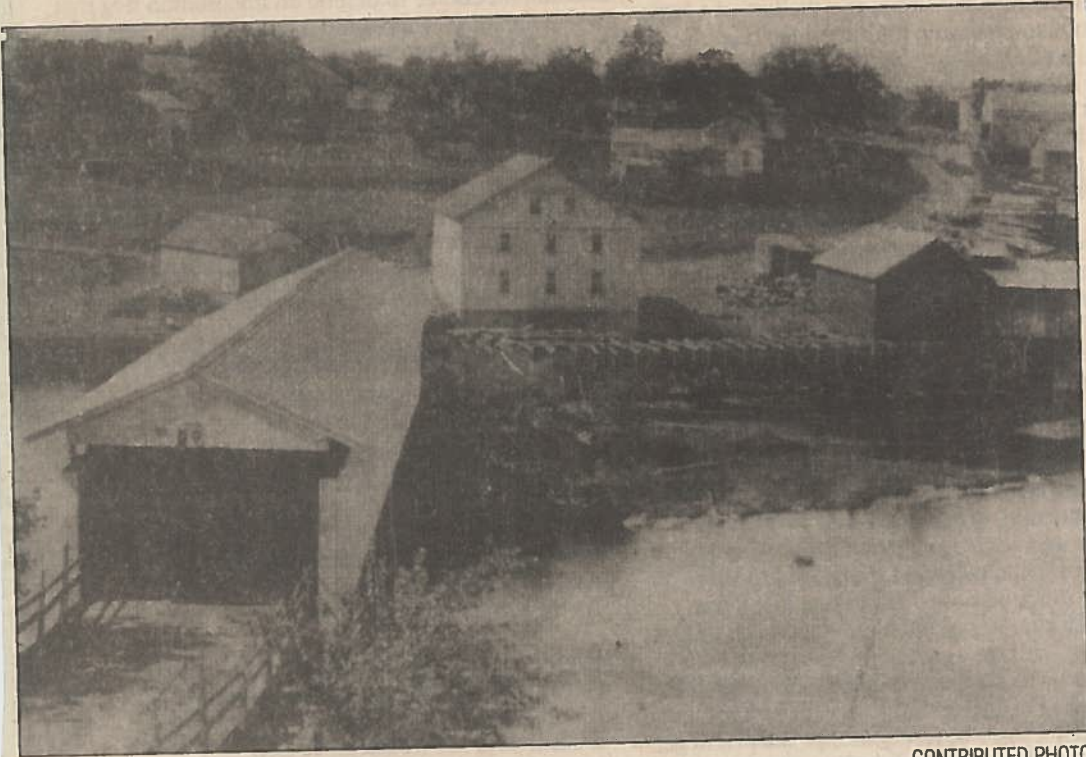


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KENYONVILLE

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This view of Kenyonville in the Town of Carlton was taken back in the late 1890's. Looking north from the high embankment we get a birds-eye view of this once-active hamlet located on Oak Orchard River.

To the lower left, we see the covered bridge which was built in 1874. It was 110 feet long and stood on three high stone piers directly above a 10-foot dam. This was the third bridge located here and served until 1911 when it was replaced.

Directly center in our picture is a large white building which

was a flour mill originally operated by Barber Kenyon and then later by J.P. Fowler. The dark-colored building to the right was a shingle mill and saw mill operated by William Merrill. Connecting these two buildings is a mill race for water power. It looks like something under construction here. However, due to the fact that it was made of plank and held together with posts and beams it only appears unfinished.

In the upper right hand corner is the General Store and Post Office once operated by Robert Porter.

A building in the far distance

was a blacksmith shop owned by Leonard Wright.

As we look carefully at this photo, it's obvious the saw mill was a hub of activity as logs are stacked up waiting to be sawed along with piles of boards awaiting removal.

Many of our little hamlets grew up where water power was available for all kinds of milling purposes. These small businesses gave people local employment, thus our economy grew and places like Kenyonville were practically self-sufficient before the Industrial Revolution.