

Miscellaneous stories

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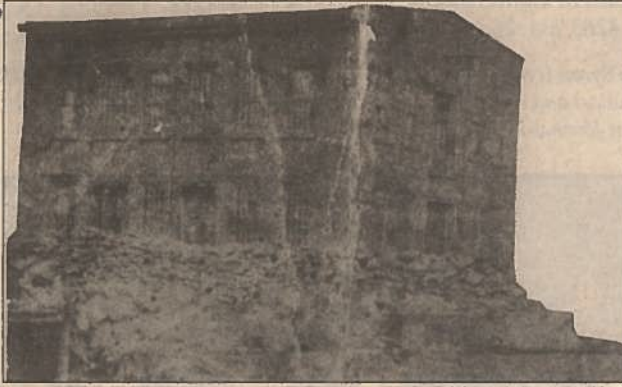
Orleans County historian

During the late 1890s, Miller and Pettingill built a large building in Clarendon for the purpose of drying and evaporating apples by a sulfur and steam process. They turned out about 200 tons of dried fruit annually. Cider was also converted into vinegar at this plant, which seasonally employed more than 80 men and women. On some days during the peak season, more than \$1,000 worth of fruit was purchased from the local farmers.

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Prior to 1815, the inhabitants of Kendall were obliged to travel to Clarkson for the mail. In 1835, a mail route was established to North Murray, now the Village of Kendall, and a post office was established under the name Kendall. It was so named in honor of Amos Kendall, the postmaster general at that time. S. Kinny was appointed postmaster and William Bassett was awarded the contract for carrying the mail once a week either on foot or horseback.

Post offices were established at Kendall Mills in,



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Bethinking of Olde Orleans

1844 and East Kendall in 1861.

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Census provides us with some interesting statistics from 1855. Back at that time in Orleans County, there were 38 blacksmith shops, 21 wagon factories, six sash and blinds factories, 26 grist mills, 33 saw mills, 26 custom boot and shoe shops, seven harness and trunk factories, four tanneries, three shingle mills and 141 public school libraries.

During the mid-19th century, there was a large foundry located at Main and Orchard streets in Albion, operated by Hiram Curtis. The display and shipping building pictured here was a two-story cobblestone structure in the approximate location of where the Lake Country Pennysaver is now situated.

The Curtis Foundry manufactured "The Buckeye Mower and Reaper" as well as plows and other farm equipment. These goods were of superior quality which won Mr. Curtis premiums at state and county fairs all over the country. The 4-foot mower sold in 1869 for \$125 and a self-raking 5½-foot reaper sold for \$190. They were either delivered on canal boats or railway cars.