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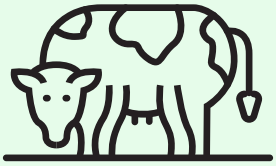
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Claybelt Spreader

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Preserving the history of the southern Little Claybelt Region 1880s to 1950s.



The Little Claybelt Homesteaders Museum is dedicated to preserving the cultural heritage of South Temiskaming through the collection of artifacts and documentation that focuses on the settlement history of the Little Claybelt.

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Welcome to our November 2021 Claybelt Spreader newsletter. As we approach the Christmas season, the Little Claybelt Homesteaders Museum wishes everyone a Merry Christmas.

Our museum was open during the summer of 2021 by appointment only. It was another difficult summer but we made it through. We are now planning and looking forward to the summer of 2022.

During 2021, our summer yard sale was a great success and we want to thank all those who attended and helped make it the success it was. Our annual Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale will not be held this year due to the pandemic. Hopefully next year we can continue this museum Christmas tradition.

Our museum will be open for shopping on Saturday, November 27, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Our variety of local history books will be for sale. Cash or cheque accepted. It is Christmas shopping time and any of these books will be appreciated by the history lover in your family or friends.

We look forward to seeing you on November 27th and at the same time, please feel free to browse through the museum to see our displays. All COVID regulations will be followed, including masks, hand sanitizer, physical distancing, etc. We have new displays on the New Liskeard Cubs, grocery stores from the early years in New Liskeard, and the Temiskaming & Northern Ontario Railway/Ontario Northland Railway.

Best wishes to everyone for a happy Christmas and New Year.

New Liskeard Demonstration Farm

In the fall of 1916, the government decided to establish a demonstration farm in New Liskeard. The farm was to be strictly a demonstration farm for the purpose of testing out different kinds of field and root crops most suitable to the district. Work on the land began in the spring of 1916.

By the 1920s the population of Cobalt and Haileybury was booming. New Liskeard and Earlton became agricultural communities supplying fresh produce to the miners and feed for the thousands of horses used in the mining camps.

The role of the demonstration farm quickly changed to an experimental farm where crop varieties and methods of growing them were evaluated. There were strong ties to the Ontario Agricultural College with both research and educational programs. In 1966 the experimental farm became New Liskeard College of Agricultural Technology. Between 1983 and 1990 facilities were expanded and greatly improved.


Government Demonstration Farm, New Liskeard, Ontario, Canada.—1.

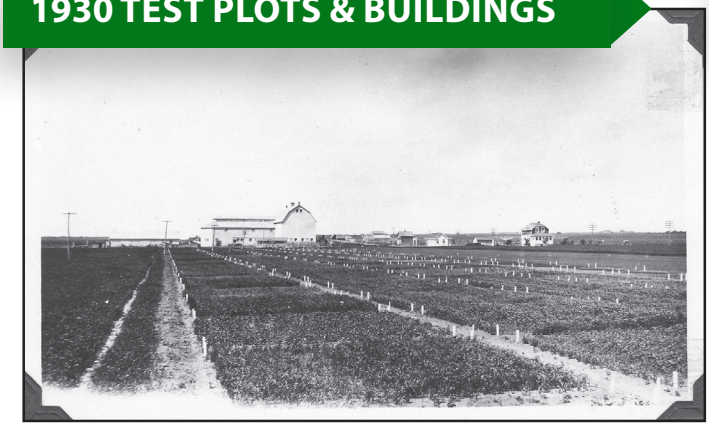
In 1993 it was announced that the NLCAT would close effective May 1994. Due to a huge public outcry from across all parts of the province, research in field crops, beef, sheep and horticulture was reinstated prior to the closure of the NLCAT in 1994. The same year, New Liskeard Agricultural Research Station became part of the University of Guelph.

In June 2021 the research station was sold to a local business owner who plans on using the property, including the barns and pastures, to raise his Limousin cattle.

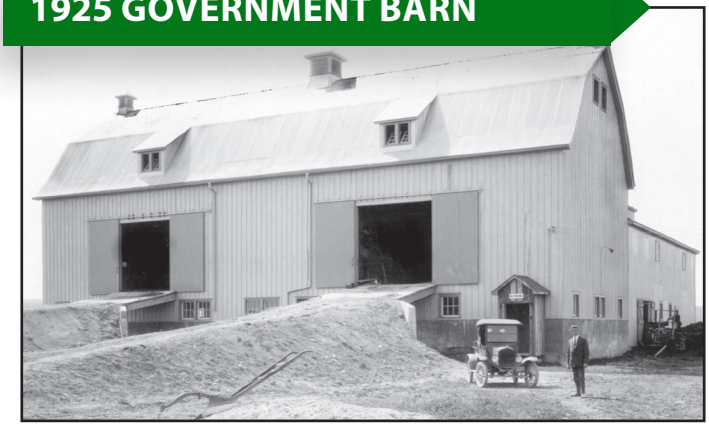
1992 AERIAL VIEW



1930 TEST PLOTS & BUILDINGS



1925 GOVERNMENT BARN

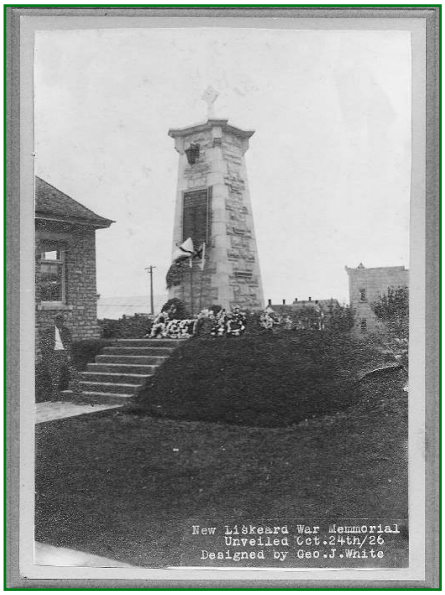


Cenotaph – War Memorial

At an Armistice Banquet (November 11) in the United Church in New Liskeard, the idea of building a memorial to fallen soldiers from WWI was suggested. In the spring of 1926 fund-raising began in earnest. A movie about the Battle of Ypres in which the Canadians took an important part was shown at the Opera House and afterwards, George White, in full battle kit, sang and those attending were encouraged to donate to the War Memorial Fund. The Carnegie Library and Council supported the location beside the library on Whitewood Avenue.

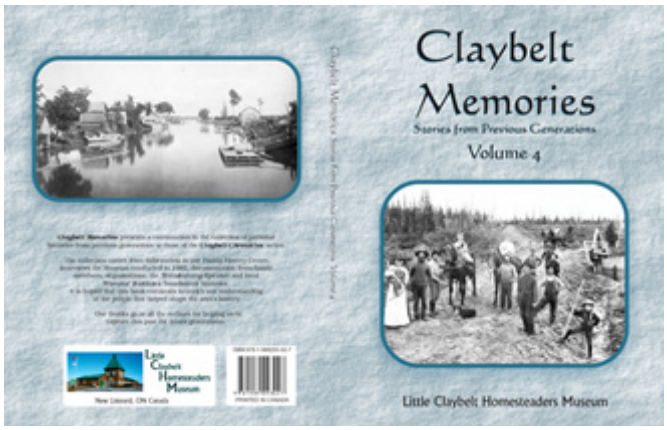
The building of a memorial to the soldiers from New Liskeard who lost their lives in WWI was a project of the Great War Veterans Association (GWVA). This organization was formed in 1917 and was composed of many small groups of regimental associations and others. At a meeting in Winnipeg in late November 1925, these small groups decided to become one large organization which would fight for veterans' rights. The government had no system in place to look after veterans' pensions, health needs, etc. Never before had there been such a large group of injured and returned soldiers. This new organization was to be called the Canadian Legion. Branches were named by number in the order they were organized in their province. Royal (Canadian Legion) was added to the name in 1960.

Dawson's Point limestone and gravel for the concrete were at the location. Construction started in early September on the concrete base. A bronze tablet was made by the Wabi Iron Works which listed the names of all veterans who lost their lives in WWI. George White was the architect of the memorial and Frank Peters was the stone mason. By mid-October $1,985.80 had been raised. Also, by this time the GWVA had become the Canadian Legion.



The official unveiling was held on Sunday, October 24, 1926 with a large crowd present despite the rainy weather. All veterans from the district were invited and asked to wear their uniforms, ribbons and medals. etc. Mrs. A. N. Morgan, widow of the first man from New Liskeard to enlist and the first to lose his life, Lt. A. N. Morgan, unveiled the memorial. Wreaths were also placed by organizations and others. The War Memorial or Cenotaph, as we call it now, has the names of fifty veterans of WWI and has been updated with the names of sixty-eight veterans of WWII. Every November 11, the Royal Canadian Legion holds a Remembrance Day service at the Cenotaph.

New Publication



Claybelt Memories, Volume 4

Our latest publication is now available to purchase at a cost of $30 each. These are stories written about our past pioneers by members of the families, taken from Women's Institutes Tweedsmuir histories, or information gathered from newspapers such as the Temiskaming Speaker and the internet.

If you would like to purchase a copy, please call the museum at 705-647-9575. Arrangements will be made for you to get your copy.

Gift Shop Open

Saturday, November 27, 2021
10:00 a.m.



The gift shop will be open for your Christmas shopping at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 27th.

Get your Christmas shopping done early. A variety of local history books are available for sale and make the perfect Christmas present. *Cash or cheque accepted.*



Catch the Ace 4 History

Thank you to everyone who participated in our last Catch the Ace 4 History lottery. ***Congratulations to Pauline Sylvester who won the jackpot.*** Stay tuned for our next Catch the Ace 4 History lottery, starting in November!

