

1861 and 1871

SILVERTHORN, George	45	TITUS, Charles	b. N.S.	25	
Charlotte		Rebecca	b. Can	18	
Mary F.	9	James		1	
SMITH, Thomas b. Eng.	34	TITUS, Isaac	b. N.S.	67	blacksmith
Mary E. B. N.S.		Francis	b. N.S.	64	
John		Elijah		21	
William		TITUS, James	b. N.S.	54	shipwright
Thos. W.	(no ages given)	Elizabeth	b. N.S.	51	
Jas. W.		James	b. N.S.	17	
Gertrude		George	b. N.S.	14	
STANSELL, A. (or S.) b. U.S.	52	Isaac	b. Can.	9	
Elsie	43	Sarah	b. N.S.	17	
George	20	TRAVIS, Caleb		53	
Mary	18	Mary b. U.S.		54	
Ephraim	16	Jarvis		22	
Joseph	14	Phoebe Ann		18	
Henry	12	Ezra		14	
Margaret	9	William		7	
L.B.	6				
STANSELLE, Austin	35	TRIBE, James	b. Eng.	49	
Nora	28	Jane	b. Ire.	23	
John	9	Emma		4	
Lilly	7	TRIBE, Richard		35	
Hellen	5	Reuben		16	
Jennett	3	Lyman		14	
1871 STANSELL, Lawrence b. U.S.	61	Martin		12	
Elvey	54	Catharine		10	
George	29	Joseph		6	
Ephraim	25	Ruth		4	
Joseph	23	VANSICKLE, Phoebe		46	(in
Henry	31	Cornelia		18	Vienna
Margaret	18	George		14	Village)
Riley	10	VINCENT, Thomas		64	
STRATTON, Henry b. Eng.	44	Chloe		60	
Eliza b. Scot.	48	Gilbert		39	
George	20	B.		27	
Thomas	19	Peter		25	
Mosey	17	Elijah		23	
Barbary A.	16	Louis		18	
STRATTON, William	15	Jane		21	
Sarah	14	Eliza		18	
Catharine	14	Elgie		2	
Henry	10	WARD, Charles	b. N.S.	40	
David	7	Mary		30	
Victoria E.	5	Martha		8	
Ding b. Eng.	21	Charles		5	
1871 STRINGER, John	25	Ruth		3	b. N.S.
Eliza	27	Mary E.		1	
Lydia	3	WEAVER, Jacob	b. N.S.	66	
Mary (widow of	66	Phebe		66	
Stringer, Henry who		Elizabeth		35	
was son of		Huldah		24	
Margaret (the	dau. of Henry	Susan		34	
Buchner)	Buchner Sr)	Lois		25	
& Robert Stringer		WEAVER, Thomas	b. N.S.		
SWAYZE, Daniel C. (book-keeper)	43	Jean	b. N.S.		
Mary A. (nee Howey	38	Peter		19	
dau. of Daniel of		Jean		17	
Delhi and Anne		Susan		13	
Buchner, dau. of		Emeline		11	
Henry Sr.)		Judson		7	
		Sarah		4	
TIMPENNY, Benjamin b. N.S.	52	Charles		1	
Sarah b. N.S.	45	Adonjah		46	
Amencas	21	Mary		31	b. N.S.
Charles	18	John		3	
		Theresa	18		
		Francis E.	15		
		James A.	12		
		Augusta A.	8		
		Lennie	5		
		Hiram	2		
		Samuel S.	25		
		Sarah	15		
		Eurette	11		
		Mary	8		
		Alice	13		

WESTON, Joseph	b. Ireland	52	
Margret		45	
William		20	
Mary		24	
Margret		17	
Susan		11	
Sophia		6	
Deborah		3	
WHITE, David		33	
Catharine		27	
Anson		10	
Emily Jane		6	
Thomas		4	
Infant		1	
Isaac D.		55	
Mary		52	
Susan		28	
Amy		22	
John		21	
Hannah		19	
Isaiah		16	
Sarah A.		14	
Louis		11	
WHITE, James	b. N.S.	52	
Mary	b. N.S.	48	
Mary E.		23	
Thomas		22	
William W.		19	
Charles		16	
Francis		10	
Rachel		7	
James E.		5	
WILKINSON, Henry	(gatekeeper)	38	
Rebecca	(Powell)	39	
William		14	
John		11	
Copeland		5	
Alva		1	
Emma		7	
Alma		4	
WOOD, John	b. Eng.	62	Jailor
Mary	b. U.S.	65	
William		17	
WRONG, John W.	merchant	44	
Agusta S.		35	
John		16	
Violetta		14	
Hester		8	
Mary A.		4	
Georgiana		3	
Sophia		9	
Thomas		23	
James		11	
YOCOM, Richard		38	(in
Louisa		36	Vienna
John		2	Village)

Early Bayham Residents Apply for Patents

- Ansley, George - Vienna # 386 Centrifugal & Centripedal churn  
Quebec 15 Apr. 1853
- Dean, John Vienna # 406 Hot air furnace & cook stove  
portable  
Quebec 29 Apr. 1853
- Dean, John Vienna # 425 Improvement in mode construction double  
reflector for baking purposes  
Ottawa & Quebec 29 Apr. 1853  
7 Sept. 1853
- Hunter, A. J. Bayham # 883 Self generating gas burner  
18 Sept. 1858
- Lambert , Richard, Bayham # 2554 Machine making continuous roping  
to be used in the wood carding machine  
2 Apr. 1868.

## BAYHAM COMMUNITIES BUSY IN 1901

Besides giving a comprehensive review of the commercial and manufacturing industries of Tillsonburg, the trade edition published 55 years ago by the Tillsonburg Observer also gave coverage to the surrounding business centres.

### EDEN

then known as a thriving little hamlet, had a saw and grist mill, a temperance house, post office, two blacksmith shops and two stores.

One of the stores was run by Leach Bros. They kept everything in the line of dry goods, groceries, ready-made clothing, boots and shoes, paints and oils, also a good line of hardware.

The other general store was conducted by John Patton. He, too, kept everything in the line of groceries, boots and shoes, as well as dry goods.

The leading blacksmith and horseshoer was J. D. Adams. Besides understanding the proper shoeing of horses, he was known to cure all defects caused by improper shoeing.

### STRAFFORDVILLE

described as one of the neatest of the numerous hamlets on the line of the Tillsonburg and Port Burwell railway, at that time was a bustling hive of industry, with a good sized cheese factory, several stores, post office, blacksmith shop, saw mill, and one of the best country hotels in the province. Hubbard House, the hotel, had Thomas Gordon of Port Rowan, as its new proprietor. Splendid stabling accommodations, too, could be had there.

One of the best equipped general stores in the place was conducted by Wakeling Bros. They dealt in dry goods, groceries, boots and shoes, patent medicines and handled all kinds of agricultural machinery. They ran an agency for the Dominion Express and kept the Post Office, too, and had the Bell Telephone central office in their establishment.

Caswell & Murphy were engaged in the hardware, stove and tinsmithing business. They carried a good stock and did a good trade, and took in eave-troughing work, and sold flour and feed as well.

In addition to horseshoeing, William Lipsit did woodwork of all kinds, buggies and wagons a speciality, and offered repair services. To accommodate an increasing trade, he extended his buildings and made them three times their former size.

A saw mill business was run by Moses Stratton, who manufactured shingles and did custom sawing.

### VIENNA

was one of the communities covered and with great interest we took note of the fact that this flourishing business centre had a good sized planing mill, sash and door factory, grist and woollen mills, a number of good stores and a first class hotel. It was known for the "good fishing to be had here" and for "quail shooting".

One of the principal establishments of the town was the saw and planing mill, sash and door factory run by H. Z. Balcom. He also kept a furniture warehouse and did picture framing and repairing of all kinds besides doing undertaking in all its branches and selling a good stock of funeral supplies.

The woollen mills were operated by S.S. Clutton. Everything in the line of tweeds, sheeting and hosiery of all kinds was kept in stock. Farmers who desired woollen goods turned out or wished to exchange wool for manufactured goods could do so here.

A bakery was run by John Brown with ice cream parlors in connection. He also opened, at that time, a choice line of groceries and a fine line of canned goods.

John Hawkins was the proprietor of the grist mill and enjoyed good patronage.

One of the best country hotels in the county and one of the oldest was the "Stilwell House" situated here. M. Peats was the new proprietor of it. He also had good stabling accommodations and conducted a livery.

PORT BURWELL

one of the prettiest summer resorts on the lake, was a bustling place then.

Among the leading business places were the firm of Emery, Poustie & Co., which was one of the largest stores with a general stock of dry goods, gents' furnishings, fruits, flour and feed being sold. They also operated a large roller process grist mill and did extensive trade in this as well.

The bakery was conducted by E. Wilson, and he made a specialty of baking wedding cakes.

Prominent among the business houses, too, was the hardware establishment of A. R. Wright, who was in business for eight years. He carried everything in the line of heavy and shelf hardware, and did all kinds of repairing of tinware.

A confectionery store with ice cream parlors in connection was run by Levi Lewis.

Young's blacksmith business was 15 years old. F. W. Young was known to cure lameness caused by improper shoeing.

A manufacturer of harness was E. J. Buchner, all of which was hand made. He kept a stock of heavy and light harness as well as brushes, whips, rugs, robes and horsemen's supplies.

Engaged in the drug and grocery business was G. B. McConnell. Here patent medicines and perfumery was sold and prescriptions carefully compounded. He kept a fine range of groceries in stock, garden seeds, paints and wallpaper, besides carrying a full line of spectacles and doing picture frame repairing. He also was an issuer of marriage licenses.

One of the leaders in dry goods, boots, and shoes, newest fabrics, gent's furnishings, hats and caps was D. F. Williams. He also sold groceries.

Tailor and cutter in the village was S. T. Logan, in business for almost 20 years.

A dealer in hardware and furniture was G. F. Williams, with paints, oils and varnishes cutlery, and house supplies among the stock in his store. He sold furniture and did repairing in furniture and tinware.

The two hotels were the Commercial Hotel and Erie Hotel. Mr. Van Order was the landlord of the former and William Gordon the owner of the latter.

## V I E N N A , O N T A R I O

( in Oral Composition form )

In the early 1800s, Col. Burwell came inland from the north shore of Lake Erie, on the Otter Creek, a few miles, he sighted a place on the Bend of the Creek, and named it SHREWSBURY, (after a Lord).

After the war of 1812 Captain Samuel Edison came to Bayham Township. As the people of Shrewsbury were not pleased with the name of their village, they asked Edison to rename it, which he did. Naming it Vienna, in honour of an ancestor of his in Old Vienna.

In the early 1800s Vienna was important for lumbering. The business section of Vienna soon started to grow. Some of the business that was in Vienna in the early days was - a grist mill, saw mill, woollen mill, lumber mill, planing mill, tannery, pickle factory, sash & door factory, bakery ice-cream parlor, 16 general stores, plaster mill, carding and fulling mill, 2 blacksmith shops, 4 shoe store, 4 churches, dry goods shop, hardware, 5 hotels to accommodate its community. A stage coach ran 3 times a day from Vienna to Port Burwell; within a mile north of Vienna was a toll-gate. **Also two machines shops, cabinet factory, tailor shop, post office and druggist were included in Vienna businesses.**

Samuel Edison who named the village Vienna, was also the Grandfather of the great American inventor Thomas Edison. Thomas Edison as a child spent brief periods of times holidaying in Vienna with his grandparents. Samuel Edison home was sold to Henry Ford for his Greenfield Village at Dearborn, Michigan.

The Bell was started in 1862. In early days the ringing of the Bell meant a fire or a national joy. Later it was rung more for the time of day. It was rung at 8 a.m., 12 a.m., 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. But for the past year the Bell has been silent.

Most of Vienna's business was destroyed by Flood in about 1918, and by three fires, in 1856, 1877 and 1963.

In 1846 a Grammar School was erected. It was the third Grammar School in Upper Canada. There was a High School in Vienna some time later but with only to Grade 12. The High School was later known as the old school on the hill, when it was demolished and a new school erected as a Consolidated Public four room school.

Today Vienna business is small. It has post office, barber shop, bank, 2 grocery stores, hardware store, plumbing shop, 2 small lunch counters, 1 hotel, 1 machinery repair shop, 2 halls, 2 service stations, 1 small park, 1 gas company (Central Pipe Line), 1 lumber yard, 2 churches; both of the churches are over a hundred years old - United - 125, Anglican - 115.

Vienna itself is over a hundred years old, because their Centennial was in 1953.

(Written June 15, 1965.)

(List compiled by Walter Stansell)

*(To be rechecked)*

<u>On the Big Otter Creek:</u>			<u>Type</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
<u>Lot #</u>	<u>Concession</u>	Name <u>Township</u>			
		Port Burwell Island	Steam	Hamilton	Burned 1874
		Port Burwell Island	Steam	Shaw & Williams	
15	2	Bayham (on Teall Cr.)	Grist	J. Edmonds-Jesse Smith	
8	3		Woollen	Seth Soper	
6	3		Grist	Culver	
15		at Vienna	Woollen	Taylor Sylvester	Later S. Clutton
15		at Tile Yard	Woollen		Elgin Atlas 1877
15	3		Grist Saw	Clutton - Baird	
6	4	Bell Cr.(off the Big Otter)	Grist	Holcomb	
4	4	West Creek	Grist	W. Pritchard	
4	4	West Creek	Grist	Unknown	
111	S.T.R.		Saw	Caleb Cook	
114	S.T.R.		Saw	Beaty	
113	7		Grist	Simmons	Later R. Knott
2	7	on Little Jerry Cr.	Grist	Cook	
1	8		Grist	P. Lert	Later Firby
6	9	on Little Jerry	Saw	J. Stymers	
10	8	on Howell Creek	Grist	N. Howell	
12	8	on Big Otter	Grist	Fraser	
16	8	on Eden Creek	Grist & Flour	Walter Sinden	Built by David Dean
15	3	<b>AT EDEN</b> at Vienna	<b>GRIST</b> Saw	<b>GRAY</b> S. Balcomb	
<u>On east Branch of Big Otter</u>					
124	6	Minnie Cr.	Saw	-	
120	S.T.R.	Minnie or Spring Cr.	Saw	E. Smith	
120	S.T.R.	Minnie or Spring Cr.	Saw	Hazen	
120	N.T.R.	East Branch of Little Otter	Saw	David Dean	
122	N.T.R.	East Branch of Little Otter	Saw	R.J. McNaughton	
20	North Gore	East Branch (Howey Creek)	Grist	R.J. McNaughton	
126	N.T.R.		Woollen & Tannery	E. Goodham	

