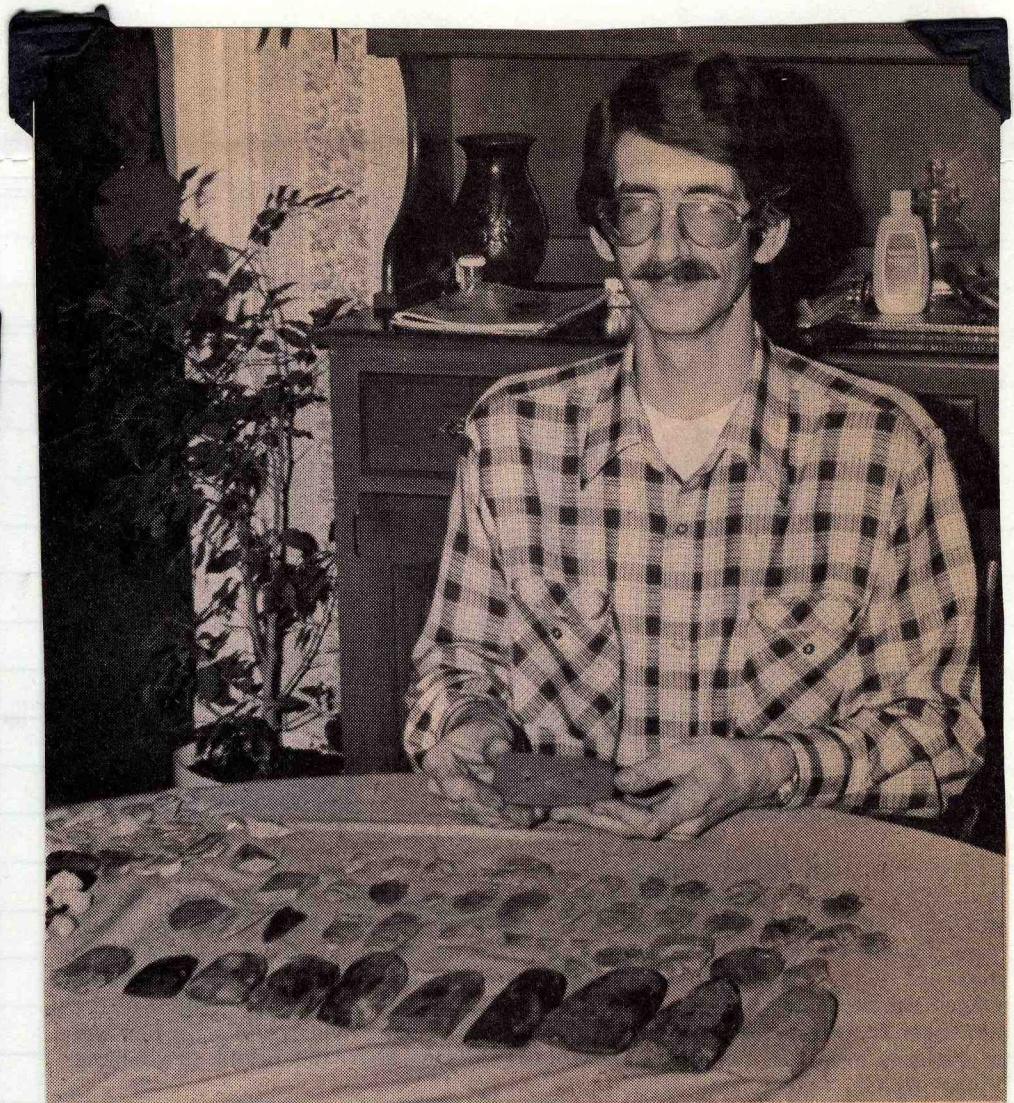


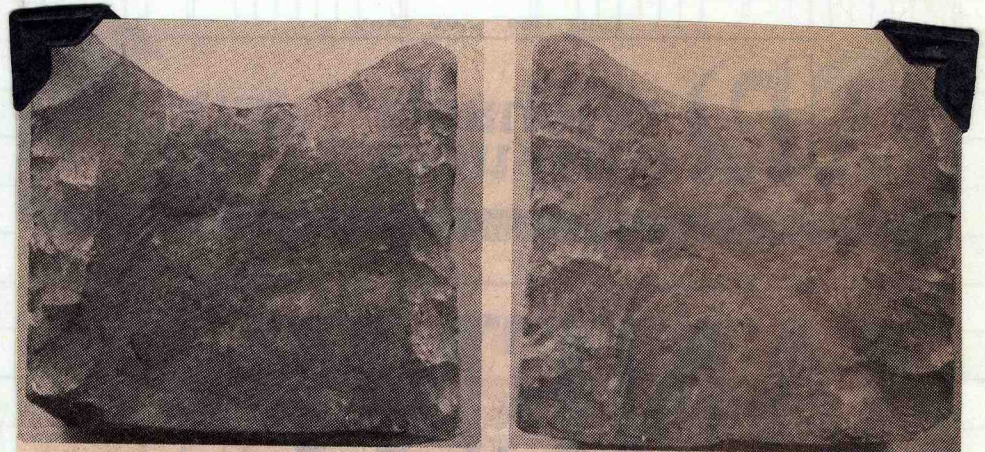
### Collection of artifacts

Joe Jaeger has collected a large number of artifacts over a period of 25 years. Most came from Lots 18 and 19 Concession 8 in Bayham. He holds a counter stone used, according to Lyal Tait of Port Burwell, for gambling by the natives. Evidently Lottario and Wintario are nothing new to this part of the world. It took nearly ten years to learn that one of the projectile points found by Jaeger set the earliest inhabitation of Bayham back perhaps 10,000 years to the Paleo-Indian cultural era.



### Canoe building tool

Mike Ardell of Eden holds a stone tool used, according to Lyal Tait of Port Burwell, for chopping away the charred wood to form a dugout canoe. The tool was made to hold in one hand, without a wooden handle, and chop while the smouldering fire was fanned with the other hand. This adz-like tool was found on Lot 27 Concession 9 of Bayham, turned up by a rototiller in Mr. Ardell's garden. The tool was used by people of the Archaic culture who lived in the forest that followed the ice age tundra.



### Evidence of early inhabitants

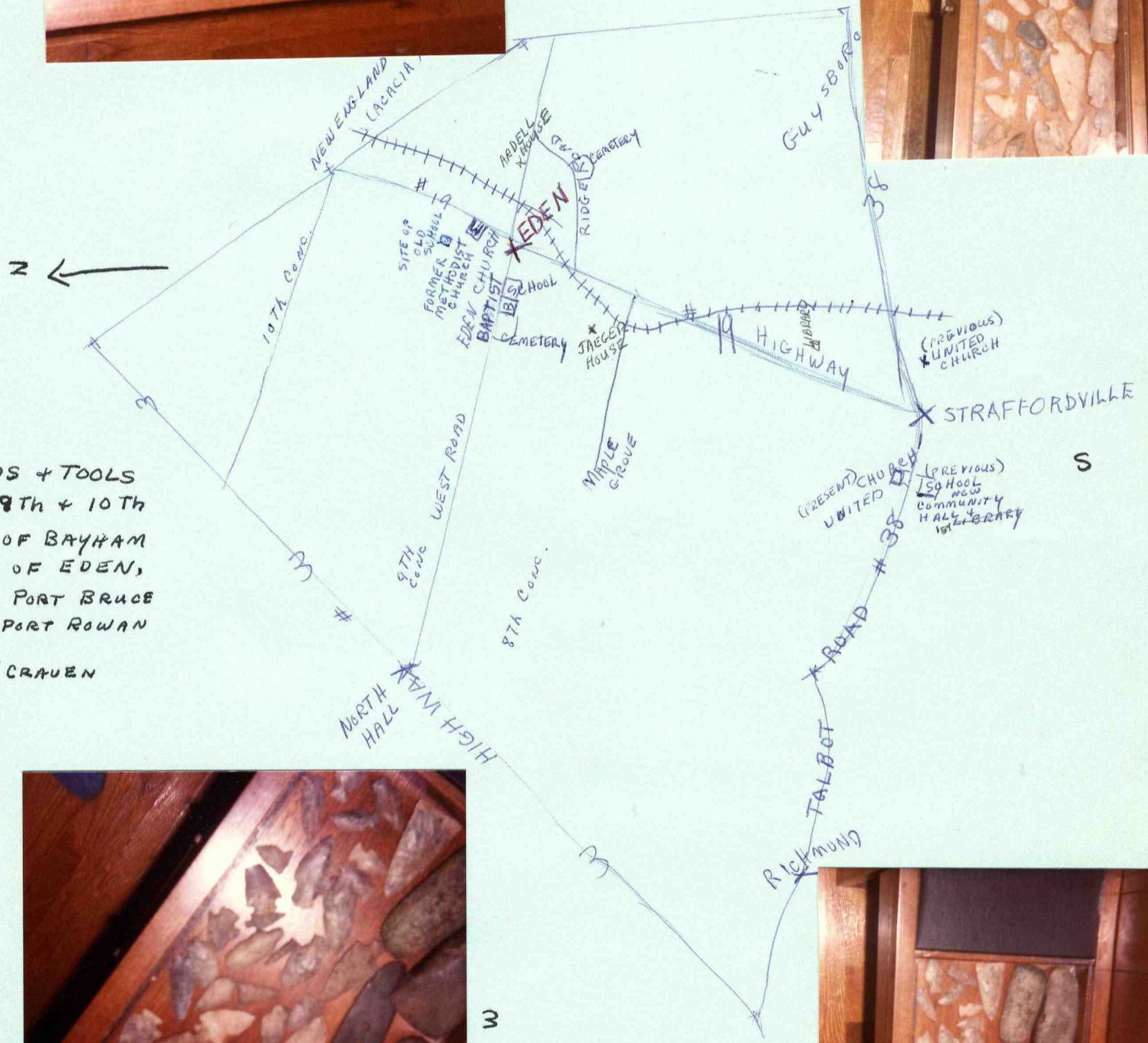
The partial point shown here is of the Clovis type used by North American hunters 8,000 - 12,000 years ago. Its total length would have been from seven to 12 centimetres. The views show each side and the cross section at the break. It is the fluted shape that sets the Clovis type apart from later arrowheads. No recent cultures made these points, which are delicately thin to fit into the wooden darts for hurling with the atlatl at caribou and other fleet-footed animals. The rare fragment was picked up on a high sand knoll on lot 19 Concession 8 in Bayham Township 10 years ago by Joe Jaeger.





BUSHEN

TILSONBURG



NOTE:  
 ARROWHEADS + TOOLS  
 FOUND IN 8TH + 10TH  
 CONCESSION OF BAYHAM  
 NORTH WEST OF EDEN,  
 1 FOUND AT PORT BRUCE  
 1 FOUND AT PORT ROWAN  
 BY THOMAS F. CRAVEN



BAYHAM  
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SKETCH OF EDEN AREA.



On the Map

'THIS OTHER EDEN'

It's Colder here now than the Biblical Garden  
But it's a Paradise for Tobacco Growers

by Peter Ward (Telegram staff reporter)

Toronto Telegram, Jan. 31  
1959

Adam and Eve might have found this Ontario Eden a shade on the cold side in winter, but more than 200 modern Edenites don't mind at all.

It's their "garden".

They may have to work for their living, but the land, in most cases, provides a good one and they're happy.

"When I write a letter," said Mrs. J.C. Inman, descendant of the community's first settler, "I always write 'The Garden' at the top instead of 'Eden, Ontario'.

We've really found this is our Garden of Eden."

The hamlet isn't large. The speed limit on Highway 19 is reduced from 50 to 30 m.p.h. for only 100 yards.

There are two service stations, two general stores, a sawmill, a feed mill, and the post office. The only other buildings are homes and farm buildings, crowding right down to the highway in places.

In fact, 20 years ago Eden nearly passed out of existence. Tobacco saved it.

In the late '30s farmers were getting poorer and poorer at Eden as they were everywhere. Many sections of the land were standing idle because no one could afford to work it. Houses were empty.

Good Sandy Loam

Then someone discovered that sandy loam, although not the best ground for grain crops, was wonderful for tobacco. In a few years land prices in Eden district soared higher than they'd ever been and again the country was booming.

And the boom's still on. Now everybody grows tobacco - or almost everybody.

There's still one professional gardener left in Eden, but he's having a rough time, John (J.V.) Capling has been market gardening on his farm since 1927 and he doesn't intend to stop until he retires.

"Tobacco's too risky," he said.

J.V. Grows his vegetables on 12 acres of land that's unusual for the district. Instead of being sandy loam, J.V.'s land is clay loam - ideal for vegetables but no good for tobacco.

In spring, summer and fall he works on his market garden, selling his produce in Tillsonburg, five miles to the north. Then, in winter, he joins the rest of the community and works in the tobacco stripping rooms of neighbors.

Not all Edenites are tobacco farmers. Quite a few are commuters, driving to Tillsonburg jobs every morning.

Hasn't changed much

"The town hasn't changed much for years," said general store owner-postmaster Charlie Ketchabaw, "But it seems to be growing a bit. It must be with people living here and working in town". There may be new folks moving in, but there are still plenty of the old-timers left, too. For instance Camby and Jenny Travis, 89 and 86, respectively.

They've been married 66 years and both were born within a few miles of Charlie Ketchabaw's store.

For years Camby Travis was noted in the district for his cheese-making. Since the big dairies have put the small factories out of business, however, he's been retired.

"I'm old," he says, "but there's nothing wrong with me, other than a bit of rheumatism."



His wife, Jenny, like Mrs. Inman, is related to Eden's first settler, David Stilwell. He was their great grandfather.

David Stilwell arrived at Port Burwell, south of Eden, on Lake Erie, in 1834. His wife died during the trip from New Brunswick, so he buried her on the shores of the lake and pushed north to find a spot to settle.

He picked Eden, right between the Big and Little Otter Rivers.

#### A U.E.L. Family

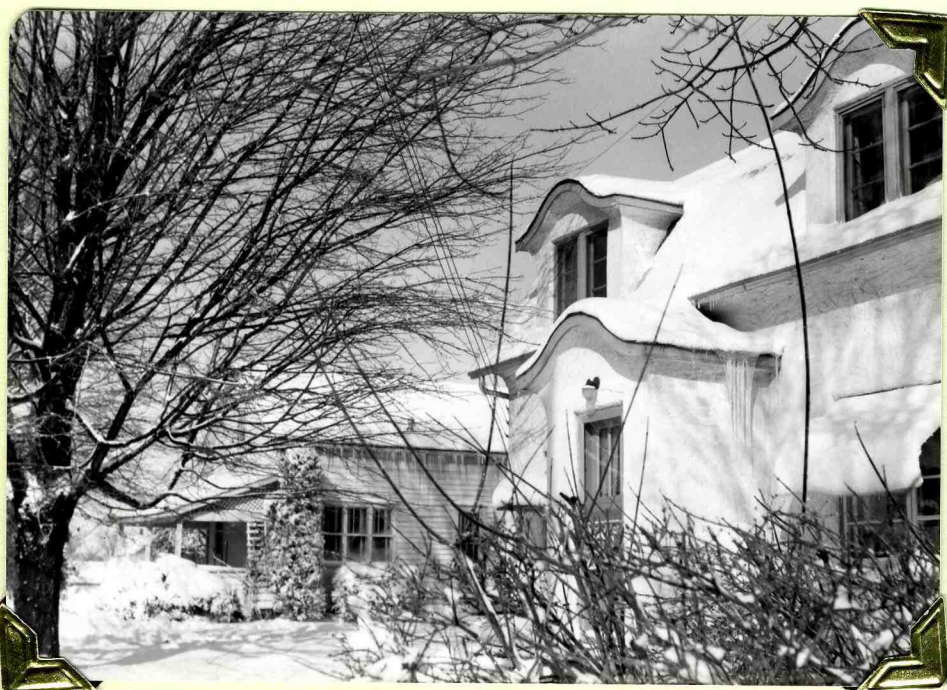
David was a United Empire Loyalist and the Stilwell family tree goes back to the beginning of settling in the North American continent. U.S. Gen. Stilwell is distantly related to the Eden Stilwells.

When the tobacco boom hit 20 years ago, new faces appeared at Eden in large numbers for the first time since pioneer days. Now the new faces of 20 years ago have become familiar and other new faces, the commuters, are arriving. But no matter whether they were born here, came 20 years ago, or just moved in last year, Eden's people seem happy with their Garden.

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WINTER SCENES OF THE VILLAGE



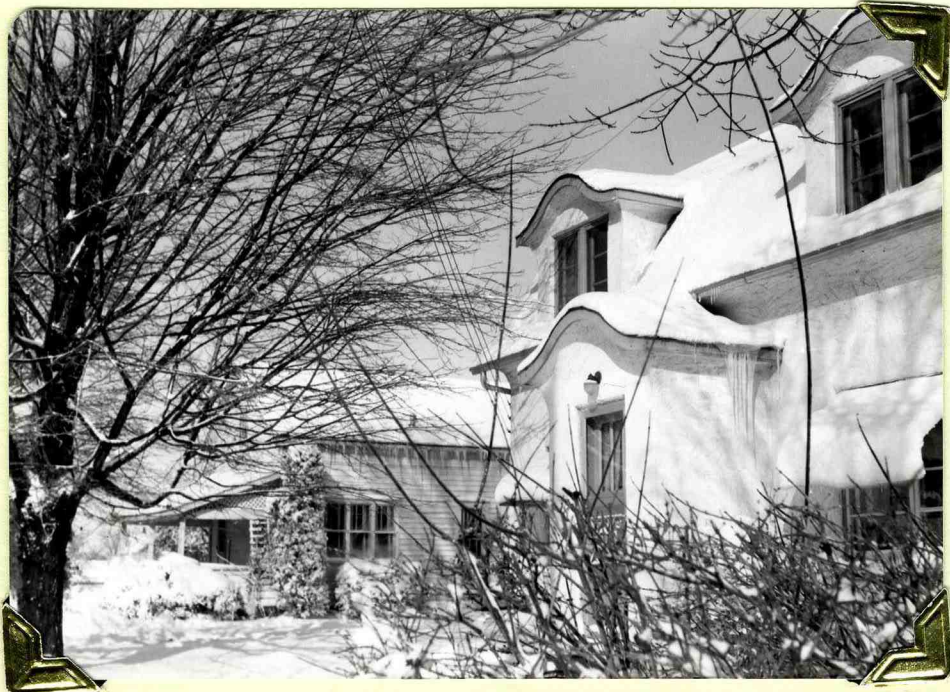
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LOOKING  
NORTH WEST



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