

S.B. Morris attended the regular session of the Council to try to arrange a special meeting and it was arranged. The pros and antis were both working very hard. Late in the evening of the night before the special meeting of the Council, S.B. Morris was informed by a good friend on the Council that the antis had secured sufficient signatures to block incorporation. During that night the pros got busy. They secured sufficient names for a majority and delivered their petition in St. Thomas before the hour of the special meeting of the Council. After examining both petitions, the Council decided that the pros had the majority and Rodney was incorporated as a Village as from December 27, 1907.

1908 - The first Councillors for the Village were: J.J. Mistele, Reeve,
B.B. Graham, E.G. Lusty, D. Mistele, Daniel Markle.
J.D. Shaw, Clerk; N.S. Lusty, Treasurer.

Signed: Ernest G. Lusty

E. G. Lusty.

B. B. Graham

David Mistele

J. D. Shaw.



Daniel Markle

J. J. Mistele

N. S. Lusty.

Rodney's First Council 1908

HOW THE YEARS BROUGHT CHANGES IN RODNEY'S BUSINESS WORLD

(Approximate years business people arrived or started business)
by E.G. Lusty

<u>Year</u>	<u>Business</u>	<u>Situation</u>	<u>Owner</u>
1854	Forest Inn	Centreville	Wm. Hoskins
1854	Notable Farmer	Aldborough	Lachlin Paterson
1859	Shoemaker	"	Wm. Stinson
	Greenock House	On the spot of to-day's Howard Machine Shop	Janet McTaggart
1863	Saw, Planing, and Shingle Mill	Centerville	Messrs. Stoddard and Stewart
	Millwright & Builder	"	N.S. Lusty
	Blacksmith Shop	"	Henry Newcombe
	Blacksmith Shop	"	Neil Sinclair
	Boarding House	"	Albert Humphrey, Prop.
1865	Post Office, named Rodney	"	Albert Humphrey, Postmaster
	Private School	located where Mr. Alex Purcell now lives	Misses Clara and Bella Coates
1867	Rodney House	Old Rodney	O.B. Sheldon
1869	Rodney House	"	John Hoskins
1871	Rodney House	"	J.H. Barnes
	First Store (having liquor license)	New Rodney	John Hoskins
	Edinborough Hotel	"	Neil Gray
	Doctor	"	Dr. E. Ostrander
	Store keeper(Old Rodney)	"	Luther Carpenter
1873	Butcher	"	Dan McCallum
	Shoemaker	"	John Burke
	Shoemaker	"	James Murray
	Furniture	"	Mr. Moore
	Butcher Shop	"	R. McCorkle
	Butcher & Feed Shop	"	Andrew Barbour
	Farmer	"	James Lowry
	Farmer	"	Jack Patterson
	Dressmakers	"	Misses Campbell and McKinley
	Veterinary	"	Mr. Morgan
	Monuments	"	R. Kelly & John Campbell
	Tinsmith & Confectioner	"	Gilbert Earley
	Station Agent C.S.R.	"	Charles Brown
	Post Office	"	Albert Humphrey
	Store	"	Mike Rotharmael
	General Store	"	Edward Allis
	General Store	"	Albert and Eugene Humphrey
	General Store & Hardward	"	Julius Krause
	Harness Maker	"	R. George Paris
	Canadian House	"	J.H. Barnes, Prop.
	Blacksmith Shop	"	C.T. Frederick
1873	Erie House	"	R.S. Lusty, Prop.
	Drug Store	"	Henry Moore
	Dressmaking and Millinery Shop	"	Mrs. Crawford

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1873	Doctor	New Rodney	J.S. Munger
	Pres. Preacher	"	Wm. Lowry
	Rodney House	Old Rodney	Alex Long
	Disciple Church (First services held in Wornship Hall on Fair Grounds)		Elder C. Sinclair
1874	Blacksmith Shop	Rodney	Archie McTaggart
	First School Teacher (Township Hall)	"	Dan Kennedy
	Shoemaking Shop	"	O.R.G. Stinson
	Store (with liquor license)	"	Wm. & S.B. Morris
	Livery & Coach Service (to New Glasgow)	"	R.S. Lusty
	Erie House	"	John Livingstone
	Furniture Business	"	John Hoffman
	General Store	"	T.W. Kirkpatrick
	Carpenter	"	Hugh McColl
1875	Doctor	"	Dr. Wm. Brock
	General Store	"	J.J. Mistele
	Clock & Watchmaker	"	E.J. Schmid
	Blacksmith Shop	"	Newcombe & Mapes
	Tailor Shop	"	John M. Graw
	Butcher Shop	"	John L. Smith
1876	School Teacher	"	Bob Munroe
	General Merchants (with J.J. Mistele)	"	Edward Allis & Mike Rothermael
1877	Carriagemaker & Blacksmith	"	Dan Markle
	Dressmaking Shop	"	Mrs. Murphy
	Rodney House	Old Rodney	Milton Lusty
1878	Saw Mill	"	Messrs. McLaren and McArthur
	Carriagemaker	Rodney	James Carter
	Tailor Shop	"	H. Hurdle
	First Lumber & Stave mill	"	Gouley Lumber Co.
	Hardware Store	"	R. Porter
	Druggist	"	H.P. Moore
1879	Doctor	"	Dr. D.F. McDonald
	Butcher Shop	"	Dave Patterson
	Cheese Factory	"	D.G. McArthur
	Turned Goods in Wood	"	Charles Nicholson
1880	Tailor Shop	"	John McMillan
	Lawyer	"	H.F. Jell
	Private Banker	"	S.B. Morris
	Furniture & Undertaker	"	Wm. Love
	Railway Foreman	"	Archie Gray
	Implement Dealer	"	James McBride
1881	Canadian House	"	Wm. Somerville
1882	General Store	"	Duncan McGugan
	Hardware & General Shop	"	Charles Martini, Sr.
	General Store	"	Kirby & Purcell
	Cheesemakers	"	Wm. Johnston
	Cooper & Barrelnmaker	"	Dick Sands
	School Teacher & Life Insurance Agent	"	E.J. McRoberts

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1882	Druggist	Rodney	Mr. Scarlet
	Painter	"	Wm. Brown
	Lumber & Grist Mill	"	McLaren & McArthur
1883	General Store	"	D. & J. McKillop
	Tailor Shop (in Chas. Cladstone's front room)	"	P.H. Claffey
	Rodney Chronicle	Rodney	J. Aldridge
	Druggist	Rodney	T.G. Saunders
	Tailor	"	John Driver
	Erie House	"	W.C. Smith
	Plasterer	"	Abe Haggart
	Shoemaker	"	Jacob Eberhardt
	Private Banker	"	T.W. Kirkpatrick
	Blacksmith, County Constable and Auctioneer	"	Isaac Stoliker
1884	Grain Elevatore	"	O.R.G. Stinson
	Tailor Shop and Professional Cutter	"	George H. Katzenmeyer
	Doctor	"	Soloman M. Dorland
	Millinery Shop	"	Miss Kate Currie
	Millinery	"	Mrs. Huston
	Preacher	"	Elder Joseph Ash
1885	Union Hotel	"	J.H. Barnes
	Butcher Shop	"	Edward Prebble
	Drug Store	"	E.C. Harvey
	Mason & Plasterer	"	Jas. Eager
	Butcher Shop	"	Jonathon Carter
	Barber Shop	"	Hodd Middlemiss
	Tailor Shop	"	Wm. McCartney
	Harnessmaker's Shop	"	Harry Dixon
	Turning Factory (Handles, Bed & Chair spindles)	"	John Purcell and Dugald Campbell
	Druggist (with E.C. Harvey)	"	Albert Jamieson
	Bee Keeper	"	Henry Zimmerman
	School Teacher and Township Clerk	"	E.A. Hugill
	Carpenter	"	Nicholas Ludy
	Baker & Confectioner	"	Wm. Walker
	Millinery Shop	"	Miss Ostrander
	Furniture & Undertaker	"	W. Payne
	West Elgin Mercury	"	George E. Wray
	Lumber & Shingle Mill	"	Robert Mowbray
	Tailor Shop	"	Harry McLeod
	Blacksmith Shop	"	John Mallis
	Shoe Maker	"	Jacob Scheib
	Rodney Sash & Door Factory	"	McCallum Bros. & Dan Campbell
	Grocer	"	Charles Grant
1886	Shoe Maker	"	James Murray
	General Store (in Walker's Funeral Home)	"	H. Rotz
	Painter	"	Harry Bake
	Livery Stable & Butcher Shop	"	Stuart Patterson
	Dressmakers	"	Mary & Lillie Paterson

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1886	Sash & Door Factory (sold to)	H. Mistele & A. Mitchell
1887	Erie Hotel	W.C. Smith
	Builder & Contractor	T.C. Campbell
	Veterinary	Ben Hammond
	Saw & Shingle Mill	N.S. Lusty
1888	Confectioner & Ice Cream Parlor	Wm. Johnson
	Patterson House	Dave Patterson, Prop.
	Mowbray Mills	J.H. Greer & Son Wm.
	Photographer	M.S. Barnes
	Drayman	Fred Coulter
	Hardware Store	Walter Bristow
	Notions Shop	Mrs. Geo. E. Wray
	Undertaker	Jas. Cullen
	Roller Skating Rink	Houston & Sullivan
1889	Saw & Grist Mill	John Bale
	Furniture Store	A.J. Liebner
	General Store (followed H. Rotz)	Ben Eggert
1890	Blacksmith Shop	Wm. Rippon
	Barber and Confectioner	Moses Werner
	Milliner	Miss Emma Brown
	Photographer	Mr. Newcombe
	Dressmaking Shop	Miss Grace Morrison
	Blacksmith Shop	John Glidden
	Baker and Confectioner	D.H. McRitchie
	Plasterer	Peter Sinclair
	Carriage Maker	Wm. Matthews
	Veterinary	Fraser Walker
	Blacksmith Shop	David Cahill
	Grain Elevator	Wm. Tolmie
	Dentist (not resident)	Dr. Harry Wilson
	Barber Shop	J.B. Stinson
	Barber Shop	Albert Hoskins
	Tailor Shop	Sidney Randella
	Methodist Preacher	Rev. Fancher
1891	Lawyer	John D. Shaw
	Veterinary	Fred Brown
	Drugs (added to office of)	Dr. Munger
	Machinery	George Spackman
	Doctors (sons of Dr. D.F. McDonald)	Drs. Charles and Hugh
	Brick & Stone Masons	Dan Sinclair and son Jack
1892	General Store	J.B. Campbell
	Livery Stable	Orville and Jack Pegg
	Planing & Lumber Mill (corner of Back St.)	N.S. Lusty & Sons
	Drayman	David Miller
	Tailor Shop	Walter Chasely
	Butcher Shop	Sam Patterson
	Presbyterian Church	Rev. Geo. A. Francis
	Saw & Hub Mill (for Aylmer Furniture Co.)	Wright & Co.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Business</u>	<u>Owner</u>
1902	Trader's Bank (opened Feb.) Machinery Salesman Lumber Mills & Contracting Postmaster Butter Spats Factory (where Canada Wood Products now stands) Machine Agents Millinery Shop	Mr. McMicking (first manager) J.A. McLean Wm. & E.G. Lusty John S. McGugan Mahlon Smith Ramstein Bros. Mrs. Lizzie Lusty Streib
1903	Restaurant Bindner House Butcher Shop Lumber Mill & Basket Factory Millinery Shop	John Nichols Windle Hyall, Prop. Jack Lamont Wm. Flater Martini Sisters (Minnie & Lizzie)
1904	Rodney Mercury (bought by Village Constable (first for Rodney) Bindner House Dentist Groceries & Confections Groceries & Confections Canada Casket Company (Some of whom were: Lustys, D. Mistele D.H. McRitchie, A.J. Liebner, John Woods, Sanford Campbell) Machine Agent	F.A. McCallum Alex D. Gray Hughes Bros. Prop. Dr. Fred Harvey E.G. & Arthur Lusty Dugald Leitch Ewen McGregor
1905	Barber shop Grocer, Bakery, & Ice Cream Parlour) Harness Maker's Shop Livery Stable Butcher Shop Rodney Mercury (bought by Butcher Shop Restaurant Undertakers & Furniture Tailor Shop Bindner House Bakery	Chas. E. Gladstone Thos. Davies Simon Speirn John McCarter John Gillies & A. Purcell Sam Wilson Wm. Hueston Lorne Handy Liebner & Walker Adrian Shippey Wm. Eustes, Prop. Jettis Thompson
1906	Butcher Shop Restaurant Undertakers & Furniture Tailor Shop Bindner House Bakery	Wm. Hueston Lorne Handy Liebner & Walker Adrian Shippey Wm. Eustes, Prop. Jettis Thompson
1907	Bakery	Jettis Thompson
1908	Restaurant Patterson House	John Milton McLean & Son, Prop.
1910	Draymen Drover Patterson House	A. Vogan & Alvin McLarty Dan Buchan Edward Nichol, Prop
1911	Druggist	Howard W. Thomson
1912	Royal Bank (opened June 1912)	Robert Tough, Manager.

Written by: Ernest G. Lusty



DELIVERY OF GRAIN TO ELEVATOR. RODNEY - 1915



Massey Harris delivery of Farm Implements.
James A. McLean - Dealer

Rodney-1915

DAN MARKLE'S CARRIAGE WORKS

About the year 1877, Dan Markle arrived from Aylmer and purchased from N.S. Lusty Block A, Plan 99, on the west corner of Queen St. and Furnival Road. These eight lots also contained his residence. He proceeded to erect a good-sized frame building on the corner lot (with a full-sized second storey) for a Blacksmith and Carriage Shop on the ground floor, and finishing, painting, striping and varnishing rooms upstairs.

The blacksmith could shoe any kind of horse. If he would not stand quiet enough to be shod, he was crowded into the wall with a very strong set of poles arranged like a swinging gate, his old shoes taken off and a new set put on. If he could not be handled in that way, a set of heavy ropes were put on him and he was thrown and held until his shoeing was completed; being ugly did not let him off!

The wood workers could make, by hand, any kind of sleigh or cutter; any kind of carriage from a trotting sulkey to the finest of buggies; also wagons and log trucks. Once I saw them turn out a large covered wagon with very high wheels and wide tires for people to live in while moving to the western states. He also made large numbers of wheel-barrows.

The blacksmiths made all of the iron work by hand, shaping all irons by the use of the fire and bellows which had to be pumped by hand with strong arms, and the use of a hammer. The cost of shoeing a heavy work horse for new shoes was 35 cents each; for calking and setting 12 and 1/2 cents each. For taking off old shoes, calking and re-setting these shoes, the charge was 12 1/2 cents each.

Mr. Markle soon decided to enlarge his building as it proved much too small for his business, so he doubled its capacity. He built