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Calgary RCNA convention meeting of the CATC July 20, 2019.

The meeting was attended by the following;

Scott Douglas Acton, Ontario Todd Hume Fort Erie, Ontario Hamilton, Ontario Alan Roy Russ Stubbert Ottawa, Ontario Jeff Fournier North Bay, Ontario Troy Zimmer Regina, Saskatchewan Al Munro Calgary, Alberta Markdale, Ontario **Bob Graham** 

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New Britain, Connecticut

Victoria, British Columbia

John Humphrey Calgary, Alberta

A productive and interesting meeting was held at the RCNA Convention in July with 24 members in attendance. Among things discussed was the newsletter and the great job our associate editor, Lorne Barnes, is doing. Also, Scott Douglas brought up the fact that many if not all of the members' ads in the back of Numismatica Canada need to be updated now and at more regular intervals in the future.

At this meeting, Mr. Ron Greene made a generous offer to CATC members that everyone interested in British Columbia tokens should be aware of. Ron will send his latest updated PDF of his *Catalogue of British Columbia Tokens* to any member making a donation of \$20.00 or more to the J.D. Ferguson Historical Foundation. All donations are tax-exempt under the Income Tax Act, and an official receipt will be issued. Your donation can be made through PayPal or mail-in by following this link <a href="http://www.jdfergusonfoundation.ca/donate">http://www.jdfergusonfoundation.ca/donate</a>

Congratulations go out to Mr. James Haxby, the 2018 recipient of the Kenneth A. Palmer Literary Award. Jim received this distinction for his group of three articles in Numismatica Canada appearing in Volume 17 No. 2, June 2018:

- -The Robins Variety: An Important New Variety of Breton-954, the Ship/1858 Halfpenny
- -Taylor's Canadian Token Concoctions
- -The Specimen Strikes of the Mayflower Coinage of 1856 Part 1

Jim was unable to be present at the convention this year but relayed to me how pleased he was at receiving this honour and would like to get his medal at next year's RCNA convention in Halifax, Nova Scotia. This will also afford an opportunity for a photo and a personal presentation to Jim. Thanks go out to the Literary Award committee for their excellent choice.

Respectfully Submitted Scott E Douglas

## Notice Regarding the Classified Advertising at the Back of the Bulletin

CATC member's advertisement change.

It was discussed and decided at the CATC meeting in Calgary that the members' ad section needs to be regulated with reference to how long the ad stays active. Therefore, going forward, all ads in the members section will require the advertiser to update his/her ad and re-submit the advertisement to Scott Douglas at <a href="mailto:sdouglas333@gmail.com">sdouglas333@gmail.com</a> after the completion of a calendar year, ending with the December issue of Numismatica Canada. The cut-off date will be the first of February each year. If an update is not provided the ad will automatically be removed.

If a new ad is desired <u>during</u> the year or an old ad is to be removed, notice should reach Scott Douglas one month before the scheduled issue of the newsletter i.e, February, May, August and November of each year.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Scott E Douglas

#### **Guide for Contributors**

Contributors to Numismatica Canada are encouraged to adhere to the following guidelines;

- 1. Submissions should be in MS Word, Times New Roman, 12-pt, also please include a copy in PDF.
- 2. Single-spacing is acceptable, including between paragraphs. The first line of each paragraph should be indented.
- 3. Quoted material longer than seven or eight lines should be double-indented ½ inch from the left and right margins and separated by a space from the body of the text before and after it. It should not be enclosed by the addition of quotation marks or be italicized. All quoted material should be quoted with absolute fidelity, including any use of quotation marks, italics, capitals, spelling, punctuation, etc., as in the original.
- 4. For reasons of copyright and research ethics, the source of all quotations, paraphrased material, and borrowed ideas must be acknowledged accurately.
- 5. The preferred style for acknowledging source material is to embed the reference in the body of the text, preferably at the end of sentences or paragraphs, with the author's surname, the date of publication, and the page number, as follows (Breton 1894: 47). This reduces the proliferation of footnotes.
- 6. Footnotes should be reserved for expository material of a supplemental or explanatory nature. Avoid endnotes.
- 7. The bibliography, arranged alphabetically by author, should include all works cited in the text of the article, in the following style: Breton, P.N. 1894. *Illustrated History of Coins and Tokens Relating to Canada*. Montreal: P.N. Breton & Co.
- 8. Illustrations should be submitted with the article along with the desired captions.
- 9. All illustrations must be cleared of copyright and, where applicable, permission granted for reproduction.
- 10. Submissions will be reviewed and returned to the author for response, with corrections, suggestions, and comments in the track changes feature of MS Word.
- 11. Please do not number the pages of your work.
- 12. Please submit your images separately from your text in JPEG format. Indicate where you would like them to go and we will include them.

Scott E Douglas

#### **NEW TOKEN FINDS**

Shedden, Ontario, Elgin County

#### Tom Oliver – Hotel Keeper – Shedden, Ontario

By Lorne Barnes FCNRS



The Brunswick Balke / Collender / Compy. / Check (variety of BBC-11) 919-A-E Good For / 5¢ / Tom / Oliver / In/ Trade B-R-25½

I purchased this maverick token several years ago from a gentleman whose grandfather claimed it was used in Shedden, Ontario. Shedden is located nine miles southwest of St. Thomas, Ontario. I searched for Thomas Oliver in the 1871, 1881, 1891 and 1901 Canada Census records but found no one of that name in the Shedden area.

In 2018, I decided to do more research and found Thomas Oliver in Shedden, Ontario as a hotel keeper in the 1885 Union Directory. However, in the 1888 Union Directory Thomas's last name was spelled Oliver. I soon realized Oliver was misspelled in the 1885 directory, his last name was Olver which I then also found in the census records as hotel keeper. The error of the last name could have been easily overlooked between the salesman and the die cutter of the token. Olver was in business during the time frame the Brunswick, Balke and Collender Company token saw use, although I have found no concrete proof, such as an invoice. However, there is a possibility the token may have been used in his hotel in Shedden based on oral history.

Thomas Olver was born October 28, 1846 in Yarmouth, Canada West. Yarmouth is located four miles east of St. Thomas. Thomas married Susannah Jones on September 15, 1870. His occupation was listed as farmer on the marriage certificate in the township of Yarmouth in Elgin County. The 1871 Canada Census a few months later shows the couple as hotel keepers in Yarmouth, Ontario.

The 1881 Canada Census shows the couple are now in Shedden, Ontario as hotel keepers with a son, Vernor A. Thomas continued to be listed in several directories through the 1880s, 1890s and 1900s as a hotel keeper in Shedden with the last name variously listed as Olver and Oliver. Thomas is listed as a hotel keeper in the 1911 Canada Census and he moved to St. Thomas between the time that a fire destroyed the Olver House in 1914 and his death on January 26, 1916. His occupation was listed as gentleman on the death certificate and he is buried in St. Thomas.

#### Sources:

Canada Census 1861 – 1911

Canada Deaths 1869-1946, Canada Marriages 1826-1936

Fowler, Magnuson & White. 1977. The Brunswick Token Story. Tams Journal, Vol. 17 No. 3 June 1977.

Various directories from 1883 to 1902, including those of Bradstreet's and Union Publishing.

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### Belle River House Token Arthur Parent, Belle River, Ontario

By Harry N. James FCNRS

Larry Laevens, a long-time token collector and researcher sent me scans of a formerly unknown token from Belle River, Ontario.



The / Belle River / House Good For / 5¢ / In Trade

A-R-25

The following description of Belle River is from R. L. Polk & Co's Ontario Business Directory & Gazetteer for the years 1886-87.

"BELLE RIVER. An incorporated village on Belle River and on the G W div. of G T Ry, in Rochester township, Essex County, 18 miles east of Sandwich, the county seat, and 17 from Windsor, the nearest bank location. Settled in 1841. It contains Catholic and Presbyterian churches and public schools, and ships grain, hay, ties, timber, posts and cordwood. Telephone system in use. Population 1,000. D. Dumouchelle, postmaster."

The fourth business entry is for — "Belle River Hotel, Arthur Parent, prop."

Arthur Hercule Parent was born on the 10th of September, 1840 in Tilbury North Township of Essex County. He was the son of Jacques Parent and Irene Casavant. Exactly when he started in the hotel business is uncertain, however, he was definitely operating his business by 1886. He and his wife, Mary eventually had seven children, Josephine, Albert, Emily Delia, Maggie, Charles, Eulalie Rose and Louise Catherine. Arthur Parent was still operating his hotel in 1901. At this time, his son, Charles, was working in the hotel as a bartender. By 1911 Charles was the operator of the hotel. Charles married Teresa Goulet, also of Belle River, on the 6th of September, 1904.

Arthur Parent died on the 2nd of February, 1922 at the age of 81. He is buried in St. Simon and St. Jude Cemetery in Belle River.

Charles continued with the hotel at least up until 1949. He died on the 10th of October 1953.

#### Sources:

Canada Census for 1901. 1911. Canada Voters Lists, 1935 and 1949. Ontario Canada Deaths, 1869-1947. Ontario Canada Marriages, 1826-1937. R. L. Polk & Cos Ontario Business Directory & Gazetteer, 1886-87.

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## FORMOSA, Ontario, Bruce County

Contributed by Chris Faulkner FCNRS



Frank Oberle / General / Merchant / Formosa, Ont. 392-C-F Good For  $/1 \, \text{¢}$  / In/ Merchandise

A-R-17

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## Walkerton, Ontario, Bruce County

Contributed by Lorne Barnes FCNRS



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A-R-32



John Goos Feb 7, 1878 – Sept 4, 1962 (picture courtesy of Andrew Goos, Ancestry.ca)

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#### M.A. Sanders – Numismatist – Sarnia, Ont.

By Lorne Barnes FCNRS

Marshall's father, Corney Sanders immigrated to Toronto, Upper Canada, in 1835 at the age of 10 and apprenticed as a cabinet maker. He moved to Milton, Canada West, to begin a business of his own as a cabinet maker in about 1843. By the late 1840s a fire destroyed all of his property and personal effects and he moved to Waterdown, Canada West to start over. On December 24, 1851 Reverend J. Gemley married Corney a cabinetmaker and Mary Ann Reynolds of Wellington Square, Canada West, now part of Burlington, Ontario. The couple's first two children were born in Trafalgar Township, Canada West, now known as Oakville, Ontario.

On 24th Dec. at Wellington Square, Corney Sanders, of Waterdown, cabinetmaker, to Mary Ann Reynolds, of Wellington Square. (Rev. J. Gemley)

Their third child, a future numismatist, Marshall A., was born in Waterdown, Nelson Township, Halton County, Canada West, on December 18, 1857. The 1861 census confirms the couple are living in Nelson Township with three children and Corney's occupation is listed as cabinet maker. Shortly after the census their fourth child, Charles W., was born, on May 10, 1861.

Corney and his family moved to Sarnia, Canada West, in the early 1860s and he worked for R. and H.P. MacKenzie, cabinet makers. The 1866 directory shows Corney has his own cabinet shop on Lachiel Street and he continued to be a cabinet maker in Sarnia till 1899. The couple's final and fifth child, Albert Edward, was born on October 27, 1869. Corney was a very successful businessman in Sarnia and his aptitude for business was passed to his son Marshall.

Like his father, Marshall was devoted to the Methodist Church and he was a leader at a young age within the organization. Marshall graduated from Jones and Yerex Business College, London, Ontario, in 1876 and he returned to Sarnia to work as a clerk at the store of Thomas and James S. Symington.

On May 22, 1882 Marshall married Hannah Elizabeth (Lizzie) Palmer of Sarnia, Ontario. Lizzie's father, Reuben C. Palmer, at the time of his daughter's wedding, was inspector of licenses for the West Riding of Lambton County, as well as running an insurance office in Sarnia representing three companies, Sun, Royal and Northern.

The newlyweds moved to Stratford, Ontario, where Marshall worked for Miss Byrne as the manager in her store. Sometime in 1883 the couple moved to 7 Oxford Street London, Ontario, and Marshall worked as a salesman at the dry goods store of Heron and Jackson at 118 Dundas Street. Marshall and Lizzie's daughter, Mabel Palmer, was born in London, Ontario, on August 17, 1883. Marshall must have had a better job opportunity because he moved to the dry goods store of Robert F. Kingsmill, located at 128 Dundas Street, sometime in 1885 and their home address is now 229 Queens Ave.

Marshall and his family returned to Sarnia in 1886 at which time he embarked in the insurance business with his father-in-law, Reuben. The 1886 directory pictured below shows Marshall with Sun Life and the clipping to the right from 1892 shows Marshall and his father-inlaw with Royal Insurance Company of England.

Sun Life Assurance Co, M A Sanders Royal Insurance Co of England, R C Palmer and M A Sanders Agent. (See adv (See adv outside front cover.) right top line)

By 1888, the Union Directory lists Marshall as grocer and etc. It appears Marshall was a very ambitious man. He ran a grocery store and the office of Sun Life, and partnered with his father-in-law in the Royal Insurance Company. Marshall is listed as a grocer in the Union Directories from 1888 till 1895. Marshall sold his grocery store in approximately 1896 and put his full attention to the insurance and real estate businesses. Marshall was very successful in his real estate endeavors.

During 1890s and 1900s Marshall was active in the militia. Pictured below is a copy of his participation in an 1892 drill in London, Ontario as an O.R. Clerk in the 27<sup>th</sup> Battalion. Marshall was a sergeant on the annual 1908 list.

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Marshall A. Sanders became member number 246 in the ANA in February 1901. He was in good company with fellow ANA member, William T. Smith, who vouched for his application to join the ANA, and fellow numismatist, Joseph Dagan. Dagan would join the ANA a short time later. These three men, and perhaps others, met every month to discuss their interest in various numismatic topics. Pictured below are the ANA application and the listing of new members.

> M. A. Sanders, Box 263, Sarnia, Ont. Vouchers: Messrs. W. T. Smith and the Secretary. NEW MEMBERS. 238, William Douglass. 239, Rob't K. Idler. 240, Ezra Hill. 241, E. J. Pardee. 242, Fred Hall. 243, Samuel S. Heal. 244, G. A. Larned. 245, J. Partee. 242, Fred Hall. 243, Salmuer S. Heal. 244, G. A. Larned. 246, J. W. Hamilton. 246, M. A. Sanders. 247, D. A. Callahan. 248, Jas. H. Mortimer. 249, Geo. T. Hart. 250, Geo. O. Walson. 251, S. B. Emery. 252, Chas. A. Wilber. 253, W. D. Vincent. 254, W. R. McColl. 255, G.H. Leonard. 256, James McDiarmid. 257, R. F. Malabarwalla. 258, Jules Oswald.

Pictured below are the two known metal types of the M.A. Sanders numismatic card.



M.A. Sanders/ Numismatist/ Sarnia, Ont. (50 struck)

McColl 808 Canadian Coins/ oak leaf/ Medals & Tokens

B-R-25

M.A. Sanders/ Numismatist/ Sarnia, Ont. (50 struck)

McColl 809 Canadian Coins/ oak leaf/ Medals & Tokens W-R-25

Marshall was also active in the Masonic Lodge, Sons of England, Canadian Order of Foresters, Ancient Order of Foresters, Woodsmen of the World and the Maccabees. The 1916 Sarnia directory shows Marshall is the secretary-treasurer of the Sons of England.

The last entry I could find for Marshall as a member of the ANA was the May/June 1907

issue of the Numismatist. His name didn't appear in the ANA directory of 1910.

The 1916 directory pictured below lists Marshall as real estate and insurance broker and the 1921 census shows he is an insurance agent.

Sanders Marshall A, real estate and insurance broker, 215½ Front n, h 223 Forsythe n

According to Marshall's death certificate he was still an active insurance agent at the time of his death on November 9, 1932. Marshall is buried in the Palmer family plot at Lakeview Cemetery in Sarnia, Ontario. His wife Lizzie passed away in 1960.



#### Sources:

American Numismatic Association; online research, various volumes of the Numismatist from 1891 to 1933 Ancestry.ca

Beers, J.H. & Co. Commemorative Biographical Record of the County of Lambton Ontario 1906, Reprinted by Global Heritage Press Inc., Campbellville, Ont. 2006.

Canada Census, 1851 to 1921

Ontario, Canada Births 1858-1913, Canada Deaths 1869-1946, Canada Marriages 1826-1936

Various Directories: C.E. Anderson & Co.; Armstrong & Co.; Lovell's; McEvoy & Co.; Might's; Mitchell & Co's.; R.L. Polk & Co.; Union and Vernon's.

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#### J. R. ORMOND

## WATCHMAKER – JEWELLER MONTREAL, CE; PETERBOROUGH & PORT HOPE, ON; WINNIPEG, MB; VICTORIA, BC

By Len Buth FCNRS

James Ritchie Ormond, a watchmaker and jeweller, conducted his business in four different Canadian Provinces from about 1856 until 1909, and is the topic of this article.

Based on the quality evident in photos of one of his watches shown below, it would appear he was a very good craftsman.



Ormond watch in presentation case.



Close-up of the markings from the inside top of the case above. "J.R. ORMOND / PETERBOROUGH (ONT.) / 64669"



Inside of the back of the watch.
"No. 64669 / J.R. Ormond / PETERBOROUGH / ONT"

Note the serial number engraved at top of watch matches the one in the case as shown in previous photo.



Front of opened watch.
All photos of the watch are courtesy of Brian McCarthy, Chicago, Ill

Mr. McCarthy provided these additional descriptions of the watch: 18k yellow gold pocket watch with hunter case; case measures 45mm in diameter with white dial and Roman Numerals; gilt moon hands with paste accents; sub-dial for seconds at 6 o'clock; outer case intricately stippled and engraved with foliate and scrolled motif; gold cuvette; nickel plated movement with blued screws; watch suspended from a yellow gold fob chain containing the winding key and accented with a gold tassel; original fitted wood case.

James Ritchie Ormond utilized claim checks in his business operations at Peterborough and Port Hope, Ontario, and Winnipeg, Manitoba. The checks have been previously recorded in the following numismatic publications:

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- Illustrated History of Coins and Tokens Relating to Canada, 1894, by P. Napoleon
Breton
      802, Peterborough, ON
       803, Port Hope, ON
- Supplement to the 2nd Edition of the Canadian Coin Cabinet, 1892, by Joseph
LeRoux, MD
      996 f, Port Hope, ON
      996 g, Peterborough, ON
      996 h, Peterborough/Winnipeg
      996 i, Winnipeg, MB
- Trade Tokens of Ontario, by Fred Bowman, 1972.
       796-D-A, Peterborough, ON
      796-D-Ax, Peterborough, ON
      816-B-A, Port Hope, ON
- A Guide to Ontario Tokens, by Harry N. James (2<sup>nd</sup> edition 2012).
      P-43-MC-6i, Peterborough, ON
      P-43-MC-6ii, Peterborough, ON
      P-101-MC-1, Port Hope, ON
- Trade and Advertising Tokens of Manitoba, by Donald M. Stewart, 1969,
      6140 a
      6140 b
- An Illustrated Guide to Manitoba Trade Tokens, by James W. Astwood (8th
edition 2013).
      6140 a
      6140 b
      6140 c
      6140 d
      6140 e
      6140 f
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Readers may ask the reason why the claim checks were recorded in the trade token catalogs that generally include only those pieces issued which expressed a value, e.g. 10 cents. It appears that since the checks were originally published in the earlier reference books by Breton and LeRoux, and as the checks were collected by token collectors, the listings carried forward into the token publications.

Firstly, an explanation on claim checks such as used by our subject. Mr. Ormond's checks were holed and made in duplicate, that is, each of the two checks were stamped with the same number on the reverse. As a watch, or piece of jewellery, came to his shop for repair one check would be attached to the item, while the duplicate check was given to the customer as a receipt. When the item in for repair was ready to be delivered, the customer surrendered the check, which would also identify the item in the store with the corresponding number. From records of the various numbers known to have been used by Mr. Ormond at Peterborough and Port Hope, Ontario, we know he numbered them from 1 through 99. So there would have been 198 checks made for each location at Peterborough and Port Hope.

Given the mode of usage in Ontario, it is probable the duplication method was also used at his Winnipeg establishment, however an insufficient number of checks are known or recorded to date, and no duplicate ones have surfaced. Mr. Ormond also used aluminum checks at Winnipeg, and a number below 100 was used (56), and several over the number 100 are known, with 109 being the highest. We also know Mr. Ormond used some of his german silver Peterborough and Port Hope checks at Winnipeg, which he altered to show the Winnipeg location. Additional data on these checks appear further in this article under the Winnipeg section.

As researchers will know, when using records such as census, birth and death records, as well as directories, the spelling of names can vary. In the case of such records for Mr. Ormond the same was encountered. His name had such combinations with initials of J.A.; J.B.; J.G.; J.K.; G.B. and surname as Ormand. The birth dates in the censuses varied by up to 5 years. In the above situations related family names, birthdates and other information were used to make verifiable connections to James Ritchie Ormond. Some historical family background follows.

James Ritchie Ormond was born March 19, 1827 at Forfar, County Angus, Scotland. His parents were William Ormond and Isobel Ormond, nee Ritchie. James had a sister, Mary. James married Elizabeth Strachan Blair, who was born on July 24, 1830 in Blair Athol, Perthshire, Scotland. Their marriage occurred at Montreal, Canada East on October 15, 1855. Both James and Elizabeth had immigrated to Canada in 1854 and they were naturalized in 1858. They had a family of eight children as follows, the eldest first: James, Eliza Jane, Louise, Albert Edward, Victoria Frances, Emma, Oliver Blair and Isabella.

As mentioned earlier, Mr. Ormond carried on business in four different provinces, namely Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba and British Columbia. The findings of research conducted as to his operations will be covered below by location sub-headings.

#### MONTREAL, CANADA EAST

While we know from marriage records that J.R. Ormond was in Montreal in 1855, the only other record located that has him there is the 1857-1858 Lovell's *Canada Directory* which reads: "Ormond, James, jeweller, 56 Dorchester St." There are no Montreal checks known.

#### PETERBOROUGH, ONTARIO



Peterborough claim check #85

GS - R - 26 (german silver - round - 26mm) Breton 802

The duplicate of #85 had "Peterborough" ground out and "Winnipeg" stamped over it, for use in Winnipeg, MB. See Mr. Astwood's *An Illustrated Guide to Manitoba Trade Tokens*, #6140 a, for the image of this duplicate check.

It should be mentioned Mr. Fred Bowman in his *Trade Tokens of Ontario* listed a Peterborough check in brass, as 796-D-A. It is believed this was recorded in error as perhaps Mr. Bowman never personally handled the item, or it was a stained specimen. The writer and other collectors contacted are not aware of any brass checks. Only those in german silver are known, with the exception of an aluminum issue for Winnipeg, MB as will be noted below under that heading.

The first reference to Mr. Ormond being in Peterborough was found in the *Illustrated Historical Atlas of Peterborough County 1825-1875*, which reads "Ormond, James - pt 11 n Simcoe wG, Date of Settlement - 1857, Country of Origin - Scotland, Business - watchmaker". It is recognized Mr. Ormond was listed in the 1857-1858 Lovell's as above at Montreal, but the listing therein may have been gathered as early as 1856. The 1858 *Alphabetical Directory of Peterborough* by T. & R. White includes the following, "Ormond, James, watchmaker on Hunter Street".

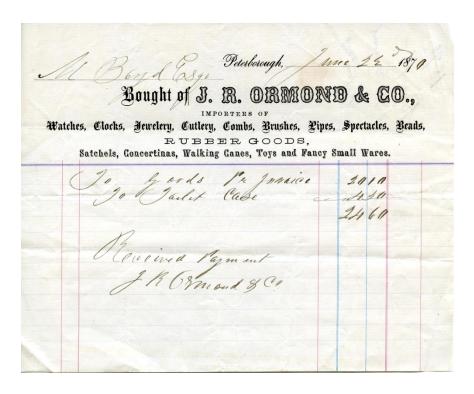
The Canada censuses for 1861 and 1871 record Mr. Ormond at Peterborough, as do other street/business directories consulted for 1865, 1866 (at George Street), 1869, 1871 (at Hunter Street), and 1874. The 1869 Province of Ontario Gazette listing has J.R. Ormond & Co.

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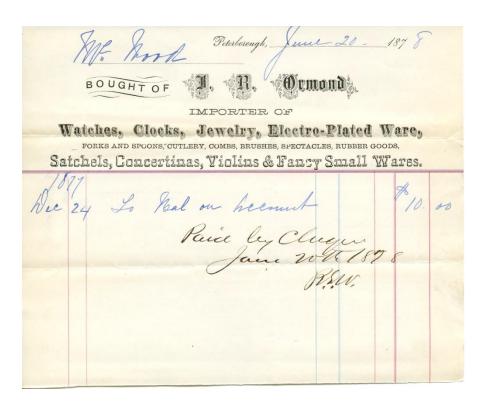
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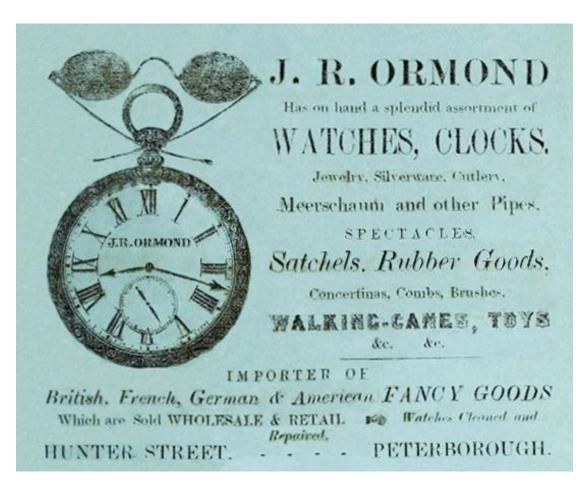
Advertisement from *The Province of Ontario Gazetteer and Directory*, 1869,C.E. Anderson & Co. Proprietors, Robertson & Cook, Publishers. Image courtesy of Eric G. Jensen



J.R. Ormond & Co., Peterborough - Invoice dated June 23, 1870.



J.R. Ormond, Peterborough - Invoice dated June 20, 1878. In different style than preceding. Above images courtesy of Peterborough Museum & Archives, Mr. Jon Oldham, Archivist.



#### J.R. Ormond, Peterborough - advertisement in:

A Sketch Of The Early Settlement And Subsequent Progress Of The Town Of Peterborough, And Of Each Township In The County Of Peterborough (1867). By Thomas W. Poole, M.D.

#### PORT HOPE, ONTARIO



Port Hope claim checks, with duplicate #4 GS - R - 26 Breton 803

The extent of Mr. Ormond's business operation conducted at Port Hope, Ontario has posed a challenge to determine. We know the existence of the claim checks for this location, but business directories confirming him there are really inconclusive. For the time Mr. Ormond lived in Peterborough, only three directories could be located covering Port Hope. Mr. Ormond did not reside in Port Hope, as he lived in Peterborough. The distance between Peterborough to Port Hope is 45 km, so a daily commute in the 1860 -1870s time frame can be ruled out. The 1871 Lovell's directory has a listing as follows for Port Hope - "Ormond, J.R. & Co., fancy goods and jewellery, Walton St." The 1871 Dun, Wiman & Co. directory for Port Hope only showed a listing for "Ormond, Chas. - watches". The 1871 Lovell's does not list a Charles Ormond in Port Hope. Charles Ormond is listed in directories at Peterborough, by himself and as Ormond & Walsh, druggists. That a James and Charles with the surname Ormond both resided in Peterborough may be coincidence, or were they related? Census data showed that James was of Scottish heritage, while Charles was from England. The writer has been unable to connect the two as being related. Is it possible the Dun, Wiman & Co. directory erred in the 1871 Port Hope directory listing? Charles Ormond could not be found at Port Hope in any other directory listings. In any event questions remain as to just when and what type of store/outlet J.R. Ormond had in Port Hope. It may be possible, and more probable, Mr. Ormond had a drop-off facility, or an agent, at one of the larger Port Hope stores.

It should be noted Mr. Breton, in his listing for his number 803, recorded the following "Mr. Ormond kept a store at Port Hope before removing to Peterborough. Now established at Winnipeg". As recorded above under the Montreal, Canada East, and Peterborough, Ontario, headings, Mr. Ormond left the former and arrived at the latter location in 1857 and from all records found, remained and resided in Peterborough until settling at Winnipeg, Manitoba, in 1878.

To date, insufficient information has been obtained to determine any specific times when the checks for Peterborough and Port Hope, as above, were used. The maker is also unknown. The same applies to the checks for Winnipeg, which follow.

#### WINNIPEG, MANITOBA



Winnipeg claim check #19 GS - R – 26

Astwood 6140a, with "Peterborough" (Peterborough still visible) ground out, and stamped "Winnipeg".



Winnipeg claim check #101
A - R - 30 Note: this token is aluminum.
Astwood 6140 b



Winnipeg claim check # 29 GS - R - 26

Astwood 6140 c, with "Port Hope" (with T of Port Hope visible) ground out and "Winnipeg" engraved over it. Image courtesy of Jim Astwood.



Winnipeg claim check #56 GS - R - 26

Astwood 6140 d, with "Peterborough" (with P of Peterborough visible at A of Watch) ground out and "Winnipeg, Man." stamped over it.



Winnipeg claim check #89 GS - R - 26

Astwood 6140 e, with "Port Hope" (E of Hope visible) ground out and "Winnipeg" engraved over it.



Peterborough claim check #62 GS - R -26

Astwood 6140 f. Claim check obviously intended for use in Winnipeg. "Peterborough" (with H visible) ground out.

The writer wishes to acknowledge, with thanks, the research generously provided by Mr. James W. Astwood, Winnipeg, MB, concerning Mr. Ormond's time in Winnipeg. The majority of information that follows came from Mr. Astwood's research.

Mr. Ormond first appeared in the Henderson's Business Directory for Manitoba in 1879 under "Jewellers" as R.J. Ormond. There is no listing in the 1878-1879 directory so it is assumed he arrived in Winnipeg sometime in late 1878 in order to have made it into the 1879 Business edition. The 1880 directory records J.R. Ormond as watchmaker on Main, and residing at the Rossin House.

The 1881 Canada Census recorded J.R. Ormond and his wife Elizabeth, and six of their children in Winnipeg. Albert Edward Ormond, the son, is now 16 years old and had his occupation also shown as "watchmaker", so obviously he had followed his father's profession and had joined in the business operations.

The 1881 directory listed the business location at 340 Main, and their residence was now on Alice Street. The 1882 directory has the store at 14 McDermott, and the residence at 12

Leonard. Albert Edward Ormond appeared for the first time in a directory as a watchmaker. Directories for 1883 and 1884 continue to show the store at 14 McDermott. Directories for 1885-1887 are unfortunately unavailable.

The 1888 directory recorded J.R. Ormond and A.E. Ormond as jewellers and they had moved to 602 Main. The directories for 1889 and 1890 are again unavailable, but the 1891 through 1895 directories show J.R. and A.E. as watchmakers, now at 608 Main. Their residence had also changed to 222 Paulin. Beginning in 1893 a second son, Oliver B. Ormond (age 20), appeared in the directory as well, as a "jeweller", joining his father and brother. The store location for 1896 through 1898 changed to 685 Main.

From the above we learn the store was located on Main in 1880 and 1881, and from at least 1888 through 1898. This has some pertinence as it will be noted "Main" is on the 6140 b claim check shown above, but the span of dates does little to suggest when the checks may have been made or put into use.

James R. Ormond and Elizabeth resided at 222 Paulin from 1894 to 1898, and J.R. continued to be recorded as a watchmaker during this time. The 1901 Census has James, Elizabeth and daughter Victoria living at the Victoria Hotel, located at 312 Main, Winnipeg, MB, with Albert E. Ormond shown as proprietor.



Ormond advertisement from Winnipeg, MB.

From the book *Ten Years in Winnipeg, History of the City of Winnipeg, From the Year 1870 to the Year 1879 Inclusive*, by Alexander Begg and Walter R. Nursey. Times Printing and Publishing House, Winnipeg, Man. Image courtesy of Warren Baker.

#### VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA

There are no claim checks known for Mr. Ormond at Victoria, BC.

The exact date when J. R. Ormond arrived in Victoria, BC, has not been determined. However, Oliver B. Ormond, the son, appeared in the 1902 Henderson's Victoria directory operating a book and stationery store. The 1903 and 1904 directories do include James Ritchie Ormond, listed as a jeweller and residing at Oak Bay Ave., corner Hampshire Road, with Oliver living there too. In 1905 the residence changed to 12 Young. As there are no available directories for Victoria, BC, for 1906 and 1907, we next find James in 1908 living at 431 Young, and still listed as a jeweller. His wife Elizabeth and daughter Victoria are at the same address. The 1909 directory is the first directory found in which James is listed as "retired", and he would have

been 82 years old. The lack of any advertisements in the Henderson's directories for Victoria may perhaps suggest he was operating from his home and having eased into retirement.

James's wife Elizabeth died on January 22, 1910. James and his daughter Victoria continued to reside at 431 Young until 1918. James Ritchie Ormond died on October 23, 1918, at age 91. James, wife Elizabeth and children Victoria, Albert Edward, James Blair, and Oliver Blair are all interred at Ross Bay Cemetery, Victoria, BC. Photos of the headstones are unavailable.

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Aberfeldy is located in Lambton County near the Sydenham River on the Town Line of Brooke and Euphemia Townships approximately forty miles southeast of Sarnia, Ontario, and seven miles south of Alvinston, Ontario.

The 1877 County of Lambton Gazetteer does not list Aberfeldy as a settlement at that time. The *History of Aberfeldy*, by Sylvia Craig Morwood states that the store was built by Thomas Gurd in 1880, but at this time I am not able to locate directories or other forms of proof from 1878 to 1883 to verify Mrs. Morwood's information that Thomas Gurd constructed the store. However, the 1888 directory verifies Thomas Gurd is the store operator and this leads me to believe that Mrs. Morwood used oral history and memory in dating timelines in her book. More research is needed to verify if Gurd built the store. Thomas Gurd was a successful general merchant in Bothwell, Ontario, from approximately 1875 to 1903.

We know for sure from the 1884 Business Directory that the hamlet of Aberfeldy contains flour, saw and shingle mills, as well as, a brick yard with a population of 20. Lawrence Franks is running the general store and the shingle mill. Adam Armstrong is the postmaster for the tri-weekly mail, delivered by stage from Bothwell. By 1886, the hamlet has grown to a population of 50 and now has a planning mill and a blacksmith. The flour mill operator, John A. Risk is now the postmaster.

By 1888, Aberfeldy has two churches nearby, a Methodist and an Episcopal, a cheese factory and the general store is run by Thomas Gurd. The store was sold to John Grant in 1889 and sometime during his ownership he moved the store from Brooke Township on the north side of the road to Euphemia Township on the south side. Grant was the postmaster from 1897 to 1903.

William Clayton Hands purchased the store from Grant sometime in 1905 and became the postmaster from 1906 to 1908. Clayton's brother, James F. Hands, was the postmaster for the first five months of 1909. The last directory listing for Clayton is 1909 as the store burnt that year. In all likelihood the store was destroyed by fire in May 1909 as James F. was listed as postmaster till the fifth month.



C. Hands / Aberfeldy, / Ont. 2-A-D Good For / 25¢ / In Trade

A-R-29

Clayton headed to Alberta sometime in March 1910 with his wife Florence (1883-1918) and daughter Catherine (1908-1918). Homestead records filed August 31, 1910 in Calgary confirm this, as well as a border crossing record at Detroit in March 1910. The 1916 census shows he is living in Bow River, Alberta as a farmer. The couple now have a son, Lloyd Cameron (1910-1926), and another daughter, Alice J. (1914-?).

Clayton was born July 5, 1880 near Aughrim, Ontario, about two miles west of Aberfeldy, and died January 12, 1941, while visiting his family in the Aberfeldy area. His death certificate showed his home address as Delia, Alberta and his occupation as farmer. He is buried in the Alvinston, Ontario Cemetery.



Pictured above are the footstone and family plot stone of William Clayton Hands. His wife and two of their children are also buried in the plot.

It is reasonable to expect a set from 1c to \$1.00 exists, but in all likelihood the bulk of the tokens may have been destroyed in the fire or disposed of by Clayton. Perhaps the next merchant may have taken on the accounts of Clayton and terminated the tokens as they were redeemed.

Sometime in late 1909, J.J. Ross, the new owner of the newly built store operated the store and post office till the end of World War I. The store was then sold to G.R. Whiten, who sold to Albert Hawking in January 1924. Hawking sold the store back to Whiten in October 1924 and after a short time Whiten sold to Roy Kirby, who operated the store and post office till 1937.



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Pictured above is a drawing by Barbara Perrin of the store as it appeared under the ownership of the Johnson family.

The store changed hands a few more times but the post office closed in 1968 and Mr and Mrs James Johnson could not sell the store and the stock, and closed the business in April 1973.



A 2019 view of the building, as seen in the picture above, shows the front no longer reveals the building's history as a general store. The picture shows the original brick on the west side as seen on the store front in the Barbara Perrin drawing on the previous page. The only clue to the building's past is its close proximity to the road.

I would like to thank the current owners, Janet and Jason Denkers for allowing me to photograph their home.

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