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# VF Beeton History

## A SOCIAL LIFE OF THE VILLAGE OF BEETON FROM EARLIEST TIMES TO THE FIRST DECADE OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO DAVID ALLANSON JONES, 1836-1910

### AN ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY WITH EXTENSIVE NOTES

The following materials are available at a variety of locations.  
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- AO Archives of Ontario, notations indicate microfilm or shelf location  
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SCA Simcoe County Archives, notations indicate microfilm or shelf location  
SCL Simcoe County Library

#### DOMINION CENSUS

1842. Canada West (Home District). [SCA: D.7, R.A, B.A]  
Gives numbers and other information but no names.

1861. Canada West: Tay, Tiny, Tecumseth. [AO: C-1040; SCA: D.7, R.A, B.1&J. Some writing faint and impossible to read.]

Information includes names and ages of men, women and children, occupations, religion, place of birth, marital status, livestock, and building materials of house.

Those not born in (Western Canada) came primarily from Ireland, with some from England, Scotland and the United States. Most of the parents were between 40-60 with the children born in Western Canada. Religion was mostly Protestant (Church of England, Wesleyan Methodist, UP (?), Nonconformist, Quaker), with some Roman Catholic. Main occupations were listed as farmer, labourer, servant, with some building trades (carpenter, bricklayer), millowner, waggonmaker, blacksmith, shoemaker, clergy, schoolteacher. There does not appear to be any merchants at that time. Buildings were mostly log construction.

Section enumerated by Robert Clark includes Nelson, labourer; Root, farmer; Selby Evans, farmer; T.H. Washbourne, Bailef [sic]; William Sprole, farmer; as well as a shoemaker and a tailor.

92 folios were used for Tecumseth, 93 for Innisfil, 78 for Nottawasaga, 75 for Gwillimbury West, 74 for Mono, 56 for Adjala.

1871. Ontario Census [AO: C-9960]:  
Mono, Adjala, Tecumseth. [SCA: D.7, R.A, B.K]  
Cardwell County. [SCA: D.7, R.B, B.H]  
Simcoe South County Tecumseth. [SCA: D.7, R.A, B.M]

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1871 Census includes the following listings:

- "139. Jones David A. [Male] 32 [Canadian birth] Christian Engl[ish ancestry] Merchant [Married]
- 140. Jennie A. [Female] 29 [Canadian] Christian Sco[tish ancestry] [Married]
- 141. Lyman W. [Male] 27 [Canadian] Christian Engl[ish ancestry] Merchant [Widowed]"

1881. Ontario Census [AO: C-13250]:

Adjala, Simcoe North, Peel, Cardwell [SCA: D.7,R.B,B,H]  
Georgina, Tecumseth, West Gwillimbury, Bradford, Mulmur,  
Tosorontio, Essa, Alliston, Innisfil, Nottawasaga.  
[SCA: D.7,R.B,B,H]

1891. Ontario Census [AO: T-6369]:

Cardwell: Adjala, Albion, Bolton, Caledonia, Mono. [SCA:  
D.7,R.C,B,C]  
Simcoe South: Alliston, Beeton, Essa, Innisfil, Mulmur,  
Tecumseth, Tosorontio, Tottenham. [SCA: D.7,R.C,B,C]

#### VITAL STATISTICS

The following records are available on microfilm at Simcoe County Archives:

Simcoe County: Births for 1870-73. [SCA: D.6,R.B,B.O]

Marriages for 1869-73. [SCA: D.6,R.B,B.N]

Deaths for 1870-1873. [SCA: D.6,R.B,B.N]

Beeton: Births & Marriages for 1895-1915; Deaths for 1896-1916,  
1945-46, 1947. [SCA: D.6,R.A,B.G&H]

Births for 1933-40, 42, 44; Marriages & Deaths for  
1933-45. [SCA: D.6,R.A,B.I&J]

Tottenham: Births, Marriages, Deaths for 1896-1924. [SCA:  
D.6,R.B,B.L]

Adjala: Births for 1896-1903, 1913-47; Marriages for 1899-1902,  
1914-1931; Deaths for 1896-1902, 1914-1946. [SCA:  
D.6,R.A,B.A&B]

Alliston & Tecumseth Township: No records available.

#### DIRECTORIES

A variety of directories are available in microfilm at the Archives of Ontario and the Simcoe County Archives. These often list businesses and heads of households with their occupations.

1866-67

Mulcahy and Cashman. Directory of Simcoe County, 1866-67.

Orillia: 1866?. [AO: B70,S.C,R.29, C9,R304; SCA: D.6,R.D,B.A]

Population of Tecumseth is listed as 4546 according to the 1861 census. A listing occurs for "Jones [sic], David A. Con. 8 Lot 10f"

1870-1

Dominion Directory (?), 1870-1. Exerpt referring to Clarksville reprinted in The Beeton World, April 14, 1890. [SCA: D.2, R.D, B.A-O]

Contains 31 listings with occupations including Ashley Aiken of Aiken & Dickson, dealers in dry goods, groceries, provisions, clothing, &c; Clarksville Hotel, Mrs. Mary Schoolcraft, proprietor; Selby Evans, farmer; David A. Jones, postmaster and dealer in lumber; New Dominion Hotel, Geo. Ross, proprietor; Henry Silvester, dealer in dry goods, groceries, provisions, hardware; F.S. Stephens, clerk of court and conveyancer; William N. Whiteside, M.D.; other businesses include weaver, plasterer, 3 carpenters, pumpmaker, painter, blacksmith, saddler, 2 waggonmakers, cooper, 3 people connected with saw mills, bootmaker, agricultural implements, shingle factory. Population was listed as "about 200. Mail daily."

1872-3

Irwin, William Henry, editor & compiler. Gazetteer and Directory of the County of Simcoe for 1872-3. Toronto: Presbyterian Printing House, 1872. Reprinted East Georgian Bay Historical Foundation, 1985. [AO; NTPL-B, under Beeton - History]

Two listings under Tecumseth, the first for the Post Office and village area, containing 53 names of men and businesses and an introduction: "--formerly called Clarksville--an important village on lot 10, con.8...recently settled, in the midst of a country unsurpassed in the county for its fertility...the early settlers were F.S. Stephens, Selby Evans and Wm. Hammill. Pop. about 300."

Includes C[harles] Baxter, hotel keeper; John H. Carson, teacher; Rev. Coleman; W.H. Dickson, clerk Div. Court, ins. agent; D.A. Jones, P.M.; D.A. & L.M. Jones, general merchants (also with a 1", 2 column ad); W. McGinniss, assessor; C. McPherson, gen. merchant; R. Nicol, butcher; Isaac Owen, Cooper, Jacob Owen, showman; Henry Silvester, gen. merchant; W. Steele, hotel-keeper; T. D. Keffer, M.D.; Dr. Watson, druggist, agent Mont. Tel. Co.; W.N. Whiteside, M.D. Also carpenters, cabinet makers, shingle factories and saw mills, laborers, harness and carriage makers, tailor and shoemaker.

Under Township of Tecumseth ("POST OFFICES--Alliston, Clover Hill, Cookstown, Newtownrobinson, Penville, Tecumseth, Thompsonville") are listed 821 names of persons (almost exclusively male) and some businesses. About half of the Clarksville names are also in the Township list with lot and concession numbers for place of business or farm or residence.

1884-1886

County of Simcoe Directory, 1884-86. [SCA: D.6, R.D, B.A]

1873-1905

Pocket Directory for the Judicial District of Simcoe. Barrie: [various printers], 1873-1905. 1873: Entitled The Legal, Municipal and Educational Pocket Directory for the Judicial District of Simcoe. [AO: B.70, S.C, R.13, C.3, R.168; SCA: D.6, R.D, B.B]

The Directories contain information such as names of court officials, bailiffs, jailers, municipal, provincial and federal elected representatives, number of schools. From 1873 to 1880 the Third Division is listed as sitting at Clarkeville; this then changes to Beeton. W.H. Dickson is the Clerk; Coroner is John Mahaffey from 1880; Bailiff is S.H. Washburn after 1873; he and Alfred Washburne are listed as Constables from 1882 with Thomas Atkins, W.H. Dickson and Thomas Irwin as Justices of the Peace.

1893, 1895, 1903

Farmers and Business Directory. [SCA: D.6, R.D, B.B]

1889

The Union Publishing Co. Farmers & Business Directory for the Counties of Durham, Muskoka, Ontario, Simcoe, Victoria. [SCA: D.5, R.D, B.C]

#### BEETON PUBLIC LIBRARY RECORDS

Beeton Public Library Board. Minutes. 1910-1990. [NTPL-T vault]

Library Stock Catalogue: Beeton Free Library. Beeton: April, 1899 to December, 1913. (NTPL-T vault)

Contains a list of all books held and discarded in the Library during that period.

Public Library Role and Record Book. Beeton: 1901. [NTPL-T vault]

Contains the circulation numbers and types of materials circulated for 1901 by patron. A source for names and also an indication of the borrowing habits and library use at that time.

#### MUNICIPAL RECORDS FOR THE VILLAGE OF BEETON AND THE TOWNSHIP OF TECUMSETH

Beeton (Ont.). Village Council.

Assessment Rolls. 1885-1888; 1890-1969. [SCA: D.2, R.D, B.O]

Cash Books. 1898-1912; 1913-1927; 1927-1942. [SCA: R2B, S4, Sh5]

Shows revenues and payments made for Village expenses, such as payments to D.A. Jones for library rental.

Register of Debentures, 1893-1963. [SCA: R2B,S5,Sh2]  
Includes by-law, identification of project, payments.

Minutes, 1884-1990. [?]

[Two years ago I was examining these in the New Tecumseth Town Office. At this point no one seems certain where they are but their ultimate destination is Simcoe County Archives.]

The Beeton Council Minutes contain valuable information on a number of village projects and events:

Motions to lower the assessment of the D.A. Jones C. on bees from \$700 to \$400 and on his factory and machinery from \$1500 to \$1300. (1887/05/03)

An address by D. A. Jones to Council re the building of a loopline railway from Beeton to King Station and D.A. Jones appointed one of the committee to promote the idea in other communities. (1888/08/20)

A by-law introduced "for the purpose of regulating cattle and other animals running at large in the Village of Beeton." (1888/11/12)

A motion giving permission to "those whose property was destroyed by the fire on Oct 19 last to erect such temporary buildings they may see fit for their use, said buildings to be allowed to remain for a space of twelve months from the date" (1892/10/24)

Building of Town Hall, Arthur Goldsmith tender accepted for \$3500 (1893-94)

Beeton Public Library, transfer of the Board of Management of the Public Library to the Corporation of the Village of Beeton (1895/07/30)

A motion that "the committee produce plans necessary for the erection of the power house for the electric light plant. (1898/0912) [This building later became the telephone office in 1918 and then the library in 1962.]

Beeton School affairs.

Beeton (Ont.). Electric Light Department. Electric Light Accounts, 1898-1918. [SCA]

Shows names of subscribers, private individuals, businesses and institutions. Includes the items purchased by each subscriber at the time of installation (sockets, shades and shade holders, cords, etc.). Names of subscribers listed at the top of each account page would be changed when the owner or tenant changed so there is an approximate tracing (e.g., Frank Somers Printing Office changed to W.H. Davis Printing Office sometime during 1900-1902). Accounts continue until arrangements were made to close down the steam plant and buy hydro.

Tecumseth (Ont.). Township Council.

Financial Records (Account Journal, 1882-1894; Cash Book-Township Expense Account, 1882-1890; Banking: Treasurer's Book, 1859-1883; Statement of Expenses on Municipal Elections, 1895-1906). [SCA: B1,R2B,S1,Sh5]

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Minutes, 1855-1969. [SCA]

Pre-1884 the Tecumseth Minutes would contain information relevant to the Beeton area. Other historical documents dating back to 1845 are also held by SCA.

#### JUDICIAL RECORDS

County of Simcoe. Third Divisional Court. [SCA: R2B,S5,Sh1&3]

Court Procedure Books. 1871-1889, 1890-1895, 1906-1913.  
Includes court costs, name of plaintiff, defendant, judgement, settlements and steps taken.

Foreign Procedure Books. 1871-1889, 1893-1921, 1922-1944.  
Similar to small claims court.

Judgment Debtors Book  
Index only, no date.

Clerk's Fee Books. 1909-1948.

(Clerk's) Cash Books. 1871-1958.  
Contains receipts, payments, suitors money paid out.

Charges Book. 1875-1942.  
Charges for both the Plaintiff and Dependant.

Debt Attachment Book. c.1908-1958.  
Expenditures, receipts, primary creditor/debtor, amount due, garnishees, etc.

Bailiff's Process Book. 1892-1914, c.1939-c.1963.  
Cause, levy and collection.

Bailiff's Cash Book. 1902-1914.  
Receipts, payments, suit-to-whom, amount.

#### NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS :

Alliston Herald. 1881-1924. [SCA: D.4,R.D,B.A-F]  
1924-1940. [G-L]  
1941-1966. [L-O & R.E,B.A-B]

Alliston Star. Feb 22-Dec 28, 1876. [SCA: D.4,R.D,B.A]

Barrie Examiner. 1864-1968. [SCA]

Barrie Magnet. 1847-1851. [SCA]

Barrie Northern Advance. 1854-1940. [SCA]

Barrie Spirit of the Age. 1858-1863. [SCA]

Chronicle. No copies extant.

Beeton World. 1886-1892 (missing 1888). [SCA: D.2,R.D,B,N-O]  
 1893-1900. [SCA: D.2,R.E,B.A-O]  
 1901-1956. [SCA: D.3,R.A,B.A-C]  
 1957-1969. [SCA: D.3,R.A,B.C-D]

The Chronicle was started by William Colville in 1880, sponsored by D.A. Jones. It was continued by F. MacPherson and the name changed to The Beeton World and Simcoe and Cardwell Advertiser and later simply The Beeton World. Frank Somers and W.H. Davis were also early publishers. (Platt, p.157) While officially these were the owners/publishers/editors of the newspaper, D.A. Jones was the owner of the printing company and there is some ambiguity as to how independent the newspaper was from his influence. Certainly he was the recognized publisher of the Poultry and Bee Journals which were published out of the same office. The newspaper continued to support and report on D.A. and his projects such as the starting of a Mechanics Institute. (1986/11/18, p.4)

The Beeton World is a valuable source of information on Beeton and the surrounding area, containing local gossip and "Society Notes", obituaries, marriages, births, reports on local events, Beeton and Tecumseh Council and School Board minutes, reference to new Ministers and teachers, and advertisements and notices of local businesses.

"An American firm of hearth tile manufacturers are negotiating with Mr. Jones for the purchase of the land on which the old gas well is situate." (1889/0725)

"D.A. Jones is in New York purchasing the machinery required by the Toronto joint stock company formed to manufacture his patent fire extinguisher." (1889/08/15)

"On the 19th, Saturday week, 11 the contents of the Baxter House will be sold by auction without reserve, as Mr. Baxter is removing from town." (1889/08/15) [A curious notice since Charles Baxter continues to be mentioned in other documents.]

"Talking with a pretty girl will sometimes cause a man to forget where he is. This was the case with Mr. Jones on Saturday; he was carried to the Junction and had to carry his heavy valise home." (1889/12/26)

"Tenders wanted for the delivery of 50 cords 4 ft. soft wood. To be delivered prior to April 1st. D A Jones. (1890/0130)

"After March 1st the Canadian Bee Journal and the Canadian Poultry Journal published at this office, will be issued as separate publications, bi-weekly, at 75 cts each a year." (1890/02/12)

"Womans Lawful Place in the Kingdom of God Read at the Beeton A.W.F.M.S. by Mrs. D.A. Jones...woman not man's slave but helpmeet...we the sisters have no desire to usurp the authority given to our brethren...but we claim the right of free born citizens to the privilege of being co-workers in the glorious cause of extending God's Kingdom to the ends of the earth." (1890/04/03)

"Dr. Rudolph, a specialist of Toronto, is in town to-day in consultation with Dr. Brewster on Mr. D.A. Jones, who has been



ill for the last four or five days." (1910/11/10)  
 Obituary for D.A. Jones, November 20, 1910. (1910/11/24)

Canadian Bee Journal. 4 issues. [SCA]

The Canadian Bee Journal (along with the Canadian Poultry Journal) was published and apparently largely written by D. A. Jones from April 1, 1885 until June 15, 1893. Its demise in Beeton has been related to the financial difficulties experienced by D.A. as a result of the Beeton Fire of 1892. (D.A. Jones Memorial Day pamphlet) It was later edited by R.F. Holtermann, lecturer in Bee keeping, Ontario Agricultural College and former pupil of D.A. Jones and apparently published by Goold, Shapley & Muir Co., Ltd in Brantford, which also manufactured bee keeping supplies (Bee keepers' Supplies Catalogue, Brantford: Goold, Shapley & Muir, 1897. AO: Pamph 1968 no. 371.) →

Tottenham Cardwell Sentinel. 1875-1912. [SCA: D.5, R.B, B.A-F]  
 1919-1924 [ . F]

PAMPHLETS, CLIPPINGS, INFORMATION FILES

Aitken, Kate Scott, File. [NTPL-B, under Beeton - History]

Kate Scott Aitken Memorial Day : Beeton, Ontario June 3, 1973.

Program and copy of the lettering on the plaque.

Kate Scott Aitken (1891-1971) was born in Beeton to Ann and Robert Scott, general merchant and later a Village Councillor. A schoolteacher before she married Henry Aitken, son of the mill owner and Beeton's first Reeve, she became a poultry farmer and later a nationally known radio and T.V. broadcaster, author and international traveller. Never a Day so Bright is her book about her childhood in Beeton. *don't find my mother's list of her*

"Beeton and Its Neighbourhood". Author and date unknown.

[NTPL-B, under Beeton - History]

500 word essay. Lists first pre-1836 settlers as William Hammell, Frederick S. Stephens, John Nelson and Selby Evans. Lists buildings located on the land purchased by Robert Clark in 1852 ("two or three vacant buildings, a log tavern, and a small house and shop, took up his trade as blacksmith and also started business as a gunsmith").

Discusses the controversy over the incorporation of the Village in 1884:

- arose at a session of County Council, June 1884
- Thomas Atkins appointed as enumerator, 781 inhabitants within the proposed limits
- W.H. Dickson appointed first returning officer
- Thomas Atkins elected first Reeve
- "Mr. Fenton and others" sued the County to set aside the Bylaw of Incorporation
- Chief Justice Wilson ruled against the suit (see v.10, Ontario Law Reports)
- case entered the Court of Appeal
- January 1886 on request of County Council a Provincial Act

confirmed and legalized the Bylaw (49 Vict; chap.51 (1886))

Beeton - Bell Company File. [NTPL-B, under Beeton - History]

Contains Fact Sheet, photos, directory listing, advertisement relating to the phone company in Beeton. Includes photo of an early telephone and of assembly on Main Street pre-1892 fire.

The Bell Telephone Company of Canada, 5 years after its incorporation, brought telephone service to Beeton in 1885 with the switchboard operated out of the jewellery store of J.F. Darby on Main Street. The first three subscribers were Beeton Printing & Publishing Co. on Centre Street, J. F. Darby, Jeweller and F.H. Macpherson, Printer and Publisher on Centre Street. The switchboard was moved to the World Building when Mr. Macpherson took over from Mr. Darby in 1887. In 1889 the switchboard was transferred to the Post Office building and D.A. Jones became the third local manager in 1891. G.T. Somers, Frank Somers, W.J. Anderson and Thomas Hammell were also early managers. Rural lines were developed by W. J. Anderson and Dr. Brewster and became the Beeton Telephone Company which connected with the Bell exchange and were operated out of the same office until they were amalgamated with Bell in 1957.

Beeton Post Office File. [NTPL.B, under Beeton - History]

Listing of Postmasters from establishment of Post Office under the name of Tecumseh; date of name change to Beeton shown as 1-11-1875.

Postmasters:	David Evans - 1841/10/05 to	
	E. Hughes - 1854/02	Resignation
	F. D. Stephens - 1854/04/01 to 1856/04/15	"
*	Robert Clark - 1856/06/01 to 1857/12/26	"
	Robert Parker - 1858/05/01 to 1859/03/15	"
	John Watson - 1859/07/15 to 1859/08/17	"
	Charles Watson - 1859/11/19 to 1860/08/29	"
	Joe. R. Hipwell - 1860/12/1 to 1865/02/20	"
	A. N. Hipwell - 1865/07/01 to 1866/02	Dismissal
*	David A. Jones - 1866/10/01 to 1910/11/20	Death
*	Mrs. Francis M. Jones - 1911/10/12 to 1918	Death

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Beeton Power Company File. , [NTPL.B, under Beeton - History]

Ontario Hydro letter regarding early generating plant.

- prior to Hydro, electric service was from a municipally owned steam plant; business and commercial rates were 11 cts per KWH plus 15 cts per month meter rental

- negotiations with the Provincial Commission beginning in 1913 resulted in the construction of transmission lines and substation to receive a supply of power from the Severn System by an extension of lines south from Barrie

- power first received from the Hydro Electric Power Commission August, 1918

Beeton, Village of: Finding Aid & Inventory (for holdings at Simcoe County Archives), 1992. [NTPL-B, under Beeton - History; SCA]

A listing of documents on file at the Simcoe County Archives

which refer to Beeton. Also lists subject headings for Beeton subjects in the picture files at the Archives.

Cole, Jane. Centennial History of Beeton Fair and the Pioneers: 1856 - a Century of Progress - 1956. Beeton: Beeton Agricultural Society, 1956. [NTPL-B, under Beeton - History - Agricultural Society]

Written by the librarian of the time. A brief history of what is now the Beeton Agricultural Society is included, although the evolution from Cardwell to Beeton is not covered in any detail. Also included is a history of the pioneers which discusses some of the early settlers, George Ramsay (1822: L 19,C8), Robert Clark (1825: S1/4L10,C8), William Hammell, Sr. (1827: L7,C8), John Nelson and Selby Evans (pre-1836), original land purchases by D. A. Jones (1864: SW1/4L10,C8) for \$850 and 1/4 acre for \$425.

Drury, Mrs. Gordon (Marjorie). "A History of the Beeton Public Library". Beeton: 1977. [NTPL-B, under Beeton - History - Library]

A 2 page pamphlet with some information on the early days of the library.

Grady, Janine. Early history of the Beeton Library: 1886-1914. Beeton: 1990. [NTPL-B, under Beeton - History - Library]

Contains a detailed account of the beginning of the Mechanics Institute in Beeton, its transition to a public library and the role played by D.A. Jones. The Mechanics Institute and later the Library were located in the Post Office and moved as the Post Office moved, both fortunately surviving the fire of 1892. D.A. Jones was apparently the official librarian with his wife actually performing the duties. Following the death of D.A. the Village Council paid Mrs. Jones \$50 per year rent for the library space and \$25 per year for her duties as librarian and a further \$1 per year to clean the library.

Jones, David Allanson File. [NTPL-B, under Beeton - History] Canadian Bee Journal. Exerpts: 1 April 1851, 1:1; 2 May 1988, 4:6.

Shows Table of Contents, subscription and advertising rates, an article on the Jones Deep Frame Hive, and advertisements for bees and apiary supplies including one selling bees from Europe by Frank Benton, an associate of D.A. Jones who travelled to Palestine and Cyprus with him to establish breeding supplies for queen bees.

"D.A. Jones". Article, author unknown.

D.A. Jones Memorial Day Beeton Ontario June 1, 1957. Author unknown [pamphlet].

"D.A. Jones Dead: Founder of Beeton Passed Away After Brief Illness." Beeton: Beeton World, Nov. 1910.

Photograph of D.A. Jones cairn erected in Beeton.

On display in the Library is a painting of D.A. Jones. He had a modest handlebar mustache and full trimmed beard, light reddish brown hair. He looks like profiles of a younger, less rotund

Edward VII, but still a substantial figure at the time of the painting.

Kremer, Christine. "A look back at The Great Fire of Beeton." Beeton: Beeton Record Sentinel, October 19, 1992. [NTPL-B under Beeton - History - Beeton Fire Department]

Includes reprints of articles from The Beeton World and other area newspapers and a history of the Beeton Fire Department. While the fire caused no deaths it devastated the commercial district of Beeton and caused much hardship for the families and businessmen, including D.A. Jones. A Fire Brigade was established in 1894 and a water system completed the same year.

Simcoe Manor: Simcoe County Home for the Aged Official Opening Tuesday, October 27, 1953. [Barrie]: Press of the Barrie Examiner, [1953]. [NTPL-B, under Beeton - History - Simcoe Manor]

Contains a brief history of the Manor from its building in Beeton as the House of Refuge in 1898 for a total cost of \$36,798.92. The Reeve of Beeton at the time, G.T. Somers, and the Council had lobbied vigorously to locate the building in the Village with various inducements such as free water for fire and domestic purposes, electric light and telephone for a period of ten years, as well as the presence of the Grand Trunk Railway (Platt, pp.83-85). The first Superintendent was John Ross with his wife Margaret Ross as Matron. It was determined by the County Council that the cost of maintenance of each inmate, provisions and clothing, committed to the House of Refuge would be born by the inmates's municipality. At times The Beeton World would report disagreements between Councils as to the home of an indigent inmate. By 1899 there were "48 inmates, 42 males and 6 females, the age of the oldest being 100 years and the youngest 7 years." The original building was added on to in 1953 and then replaced in 1974.

#### MONOGRAPHS

Abernathy, Jean, Elizabeth and Wilson A. Spruce Hill: The Abernathy Family. Canada: 1980. [NTPL-B]

The current house at Spruce Hill was the first brick house in the Township (1865: L18,C7). The son of the first Abernathy was the first president of the Beeton Telephone Company.

Agricultural Geography of Simcoe County. 1820-1880. [SCA: D.8,R.B,B.H]

Aitken, Kate Scott. Never a Day so Bright. Toronto: Longmans Green & Co., 1956. [NTPL-B, SCA]

Memories of a childhood in Beeton at the turn of the century. Charming social commentary. Refers to local institutions such as the school and library, events such as the Beeton Fire, opening of the House of Refuge, social activities.

Anderson, Allan, editor. Tottenham: 'A History of Tottenham.

Ontario, and the area around it, from pioneer days to the present time: the story of a lively, friendly, fun-loving village.  
Tottenham: Tottenham Women's Institute, 1980.

The publication of the Tottenham Women's Institute Tweedsmuir History. Filled with photographs, reminiscences, family histories.

Anderson, Allan and Betty Tomlinson Anderson, editors. Tecumseth Township: The Unforgettable Past. Belleville: Mika Publishing, 1984.

A history of the Township containing numerous family histories, reminiscences, and photographs. Also includes an article on the Beeton-dig, a pre-1600 Huron village located about 1 mile south of Beeton:

Latta, M.A. "The Indian Background...The first Settlers of Tecumseth Township."

- dates from between 1500 and 1600, probably occupied for 20 to 40 years until French influence and attacks by New York Iroquois pushed the inhabitants further north, after which time "no Indians lived in Southern Ontario for nearly two hundred years"
- located on the slope of a hill, covering about 1 hectare, on a portage route between the Nottawasaga and Humber Rivers
- probably occupied by Hurons
- surrounded by defensive palisades with abundant indications of agricultural activity
- lived on corn, beans, squash, fish, fowl, meat, with some evidence of cannibalism
- typical example of Terminal Woodland culture

Craig, John. Simcoe County: The Recent Past. The Corporation of the County of Simcoe, 1977. [NTPL-A,B,T; SCA]

An account of Simcoe County from the 1890's to the 1970's, it includes a useful chapter on social life and activities in Simcoe County at the end of the 19th century as well as references to Beeton and D.A. Jones (72-76). [NTPL-A,B,T; SCA; SCL]

Drysdale, Douglas P. "A Study of the Forest Industry in Simcoe County and the Factors Relating to its Present and Future Importance to that Economy." 49pp. [SCA: E12,B5,C0,S11,Sh1]  
Covering 1820-1880.

East Georgian Bay Historical Journal. Volumes I-VI. [AO; SCA]

Contain valuable articles on material culture subjects in Simcoe County area such as furniture, millinery, crockery and glass works. Also:

Blyth, Donald M. "Gunsmiths and gunmakers in Simcoe County." Vol. 3.

Refers to Robert Clark, a gunsmith who came to Canada from Northern Ireland in 1825 and purchased land in Clarksville in 1852 where he stayed until about 1865.

Otto, Stephen. "Thomas Kennedy: Architecture in the Simcoe Style." Vol. 1: 114-124.

Refers to the Queen's Hotel, built in Beeton for Charles

Baxter. Rumour was that D.A. Jones was a silent partner in the venture.

Rowan, Michael. "Nineteenth Century Photographers in Simcoe County". Vol.3.

Refers to Alan Fanjoy who had a photography studio in Collingwood with branch studios in Beeton and Tottenham sometime between 1886 and 1894 (Advertisements appear in The Beeton World). Also William Paget who had a studio in Beeton from about 1878 to 1888 when he relocated to Toronto.

Electoral District of Cardwell (Beeton) Agricultural Society. Minutes. 1865-1901. [SCA: R2B,S5,Sh3]

Minutes cover the Prize Lists for the Fall and Spring Fairs, Judges selected, the move to Beeton, amalgamation with the Tecumseth Branch, purchase of the Fair Grounds. Includes the first membership list.

1868 - first meeting held in Mono Mills

1875 - Fall Exhibition classes included Horses, Cattle, Sheep/Hogs/Poultry, Grain & Roots, Fruit & Dairy, Implements, Ladies Depart.

1876 - Spring Fair classes included Draft Horses, General Purpose Horses, Roadsters & Carriage Horses, Thorough Bred Bulls  
- proposed that only "gentlemen's tickets be issued for 1876"

1879/01/15 - a recorded vote to appoint 8 Directors including D.A. Jones, C. Baxter, W.H. Hammell, John Nichol, and G.W. Clark from the Beeton area. Joseph Wright from Beeton elected as President. D.A. Jones moved the nomination of W.H. Dickson as secretary and W.H. Hammell as Treasurer, both also from Beeton.

1879/02/14 - moved by Charles Baxter to hold Spring Fair in Beeton

- moved by W.H. Hammell, seconded by D.A. Jones to pass a by-law allowing meetings to be held elsewhere at the call of the President which repealed a previous bylaw

- moved Baxter, Jones that the Spring Fair be held at a time and place as the President saw fit

1879/07/26 - meeting held at Baxters Hotel in Beeton

- Hammell, Colley to hear a motion from the Tecumseth Branch Society to amalgamate with Cardwell Society

- McClair, Baxter to hold the Fall Fair in Beeton

1881/01/19 - D.A. Jones moved or seconded 7 of the motions appointing Directors

- McCarthy, Wright that D.A. Jones be the delegate to the Provincial Board

1882/02/12 - a number of Honourary Directors appointed by motion including D.A. Jones (Hollingshead, Wright)

1883/02/17 - Treasurer's Report showed a revenue of \$1719.60

1889/08/31 - Fine Arts introduced to the Classes for judging

1898/04/13 - motion to purchase Agricultural Grounds for \$1500, mortgage of \$1400 to be held by Mrs. Catherine E. Kerr, purchased from Edward Alexander Colquhoun [sic] of Township of Barton, County of Wentworth

1907 - became the Beeton Agriculture Society

Meetings were held at the hotels in Beeton (names used include



hotel and hotel keeper: Queens, Baxters, Tomlinson, Coulters, Commercial, Grose, Station, Wardmans) in some sort of rotation.

Electrical Utilities in Ontario under Private Ownership.  
1890-1914. [SCA: D.8, R.B, B.B]

Ellis, Bernice Merrick, editor. Cemetery Inscriptions Tecumseth and West Gwillimbury Townships Simcoe County, Ontario: With Historic Notes. Bond Head (Ont.): Tecumseth and West Gwillimbury Historical Society, 1982.

Includes the history and location of each cemetery in Beeton: St. Andrew's Presbyterian Cemetery, Beeton United Cemetery, and Simcoe Manor Cemetery. Provides full inscriptions from grave markers arranged by location. Valuable source for names and vital statistics of Beeton residents.

Ellis, J. S. All About Us: A History of Alliston & Vicinity. Alliston: Corporation of the Town of Alliston, 1984.  
History and reminiscences of Alliston.

Factors behind the Restructure of Ontario. 1882-1911. [SCA: D.8, R.1, B.C]  
Shows agriculture by region.

Hunter, Andrew F. A History of Simcoe County: In Two Volumes. Barrie: The County Council, 1909. [NTPL-A,B; SCA; SCL]

An invaluable source of information on early pioneers in Simcoe County and life in the nineteenth century. Includes chapters on topics like transportation, schools, etc. One volume on early pioneers.

Illustrated Atlas of the County of Simcoe 1881. Toronto: H. Belden & Co., 1881. Offset edition Port Elgin, 1970.

Includes a map of Tecumseth (with subscribers, post offices, churches, schools, grist mills, hotels, roads, waterways and Hamilton and North-Western Railway), a brief history of the Township and each of its Post Office locations, 91 names of Tecumseth subscribers (with occupation, year and place of birth, year of removal to Simcoe County, location, amount and value of land owned), not including D.A. Jones; however the description for Beeton says:

"at the junction of the Barrie Branch of the Hamilton and North-Western Railway with the main line, is consequently a good shipping point. It is, however, best known as the residence of Jones, the great bee-fancier and honey producer; from which fact (the number of bees here kept) it is said to have taken its name. It has a population of about 500; a goodly array of stores and shops; four hotels; three churches; grist and saw mills; sash and door and stove factories, &c.; also, a weekly newspaper, the Chronicle, and the office of the Third Division Court."  
(p.17)

Of the Tecumseth subscribers 63 were born in Canada, 33 of those in Simcoe County, 17 in Ireland, 4 in England, 3 in the

United States, and 2 in Scotland. 34 of the subscribers had a postal address in Beeton. They included 15 farmers, 2 hotel keepers, 6 merchants, 1 blacksmith, 1 cooper, 4 saw mills/sash and door factories, W.H. Dickson (Division Court Clerk and Notary Public), S.B. Hall (Barrister), Wm. Parkin (veterinary surgeon), Wm. Franklin Strangways M.D.

Leitch, Adelaide. The Visible Past: The Pictorial History of Simcoe County. The County of Simcoe, 1967. [NTPL-A,B,T; SCA; SCL]

A fund of photographs.

Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies. The Story of Ontario Agricultural Fairs and Exhibitions: 1792-1967: And Their Contribution to the Advancement of Agriculture and Betterment of Community Life. Picton (Ont.): Picton Gazette Publishing, 1967. [SCA]

Discusses the development of Agricultural Societies in Ontario with brief histories of each existing Society. That for Beeton does not agree with the Cardwell Minutes on all accounts, may have been taken from Tecumseth Branch Minutes.

Platt, Bert. Beeton 1874-1974. Canada: 1974.

A history of Beeton with a special section on D. A. Jones. Chapters are devoted to particular topics such as Civic Development, Industry, Sports and Recreation, Churches and Schools, Life in Beeton, etc. Includes reproductions of the original Crown Purchase by Robert Clark, 28 January, 1856, photographs of Village scenes, 10 page reminiscence by D. W. Watson at age 94:

"So the next best thing we got was the Grand Trunk Railroad in 1879 from Georgetown. Of course D.A. Jones turn[ed] the first sod for the Rail Road. It was just in the West end of Beeton near Mr. Wright's barn and that was where the station was to be built. But D.A. did not like that as he owned mainly all the land in the North end of the town and so he gave them the land free if they would build down there and so they did and by being so it killed the plan as it cost too much to keep the streets in repair and made it too much scattered as he laid the whole north end out in streets and planted all the trees on them but some were near ---- some were soft Maple, Basswood & Elm and some of them now are three feet through. I drove the team for him when they were first planted and he would have got paid for them but never collected a cent. [On the request of D.A. Jones Beeton Council had decided to pay residents 25 cts for each tree planted along the streets of the Village]... I worked my first year at the Printing as D.A. Jones printed the Bee Journal, Poultry Journal and the local paper. I had to carry all the wood and water up one flight of stairs to run the boiler & I had to run the presses and I received 25 cents per day but I did not pay any board money... I stood beside Sir John A. MacDonald [Platt: Mr. John MacDonald, later a Senator] in Beeton to see him lay the corner stone for the New Methodist



Church (Trinity United) on May the -- 1878... One of the first Fall Fairs we had in Beeton was in 1879 and we have had them ever since and one of the best Fairs in the County. The first Fair Building was built by D.A. Jones on the Main corner of Beeton Centre Street and Queen (Platt: the Agricultural Hall, built behind the Traders Bank next to the first location for the Fair Grounds) and was used also for a skating Rink it was 60 by 150 there was a swing(?) in the centre of the building clean up to the peak and it was made out of two steel Racks (?) 3/4 inch steel and 30 feet up so the P-- and ---- men could go from rafter to rafter... We used to have our own rope walker by the name of Jake Owen and the first time he walked it was from my Father's drug store over to D.A. Jones store on the Main Street... I used to drive the team for the D.A. Jones Co and many the day I would bring a ton of honey into Beeton from the ----- yards of which he had six of them in the ----- and one right in Beeton on the Main Street in connection with his grape yard as it sure was a good one as I had many the feed off of it and also capping of the honey when we strained it to get the honey out be as high as 1000 hives of bees from his 6 yards. He sold a car load of honey both in the comb and liquid some as cheap as 25 cents a bottle. They also done a big business in the factory making all kind of Bee supplies." (221-225)

Prohibition Movement in Ontario. 1884-1916. (SCA: D.8, R.B, B.C)

Rorke, Richard. Forty years in the Forest: Reminiscences From The Pen Of A Backwoodsman (1820-1868): A vivid account of pioneer days in early Ontario: Tecumseth Township (1820-1848) Collingwood Township (1848-1868). Edited by Phyllis Knight Armstrong. Tottenham: Tecumseth and West Gwillimbury Historical Society, 1987.

A look at early Tecumseth before most of the forests were cleared for farmland, when bears and wolves still roamed freely.

Simcoe County Pioneer and Historical Society. Simcoe County Pioneer Papers. Canadiana Reprint Series, No. 68. Belleville (Ont.): Mika Publishing, 1974. [AO; SCA]

Contains personal reminiscences of a number of the second wave of settlers (1860-) and children of the first wave who were born in the County, mostly from Barrie area.

Slater, Patrick. The Yellow Briar: A Story of the Irish on the Canadian Countryside. Toronto: The Macmillan Company of Canada, 1951. [NYPL-B]

Originally written in 1924, memoirs of farm and family life in the Mono Hills area, primarily mid-1800's. The settlers of this area were primarily Protestant Irish although the author was Catholic Irish.

Thompson, Shawn and Allan Anderson. From Grandeur to Ghosts: The Tottenham Inn Remembered: A History of the Maple Leaf Hotel (Tottenham Inn) 1886-1983. Tottenham: Simcoe-York Printing &

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Publishing, 1983. (NTPL-B,T)

Includes a biography of Michael John Casserly, builder of the Inn, who was also a magistrate, fire insurance agent, businessman, and Postmaster for Tottenham. It is interesting to contrast his character and life with that of D.A. Jones. Although superficially similar, D.A. Jones appeared to have been a stronger, more influential and better liked and respected person.