

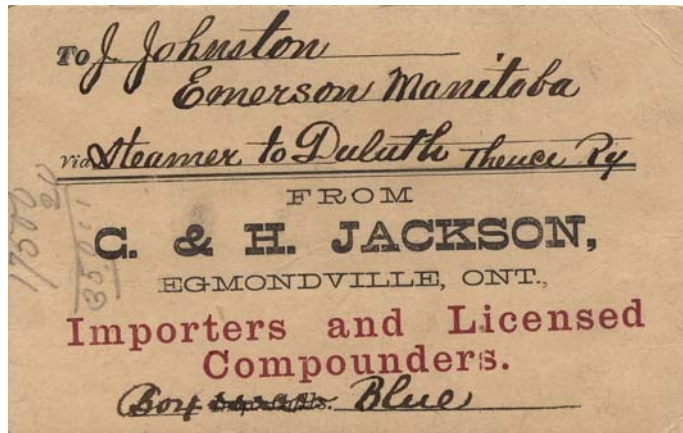
Egmondville Country Market

Location: 69 Kippen Road, Egmondville, Ontario

Year built: 1855

GEORGE AND HENRY JACKSON established a store in Egmondville in 1855, trading as G&H Jackson. The Abstract of Title for Lot 4 shows that they bought the property from Constant Van Egmond in 1862. Their partnership lasted until Henry's death in 1900; George continued until his death in 1919.

George was a qualified druggist and kept a drug section in the general store. The Jackson store was a sort of trading post for the rural community, and like many businesses of the time, accepted payment in eggs and butter and other produce. Apples were also taken and used to make wines and vinegars.



George and Henry shared duties as postmaster at Egmondville from 1866 to 1919. Thomas T. Jackson, George's son, was then appointed postmaster and held the job until 1961. Egmondville post office is the longest continuous-running post office in Huron County.

The Jacksons were also agents for the G.N.W. Telegraph. George played chess via telegraph, playing well enough to be invited to tournaments against American and European players that were covered in an issue of the *Illustrated London News*.

The Jackson brothers were involved in a number of other businesses. They operated a wholesale liquor business delivering barrels of whiskey and wine by team as far north as Owen Sound. They were in the tanning and leather business besides, turning out thousands of pairs of leather gloves. They employed local women to sew in their own homes. It was a profitable business into the late 1880s.

William J. Finnigan bought the store in the 1920s. He was followed by his son, Harold Finnigan, Clare Haney, Aubrey Eickmeyer and Alex Finnigan. Ray Hutchison operated Ray's Family Market from 1977. Tom and Dawn Papple have been in business as *Egmondville Country Market* since 1984.
