



# Little Claybelt Homesteaders Museum

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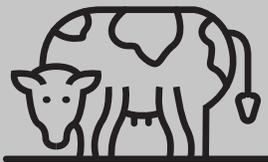
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# Claybelt Spreader

Spreading the news...

*Preserving the history of the southern Little Claybelt Region 1880s to 1950s.*



The Little Claybelt Homesteaders Museum is dedicated to preserving the cultural heritage of South Temiskaming through the collection of artifacts and documentation that focuses on the settlement history of the Little Claybelt.

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Welcome to our "Claybelt Spreader" newsletter. We decided a newsletter to our friends would be a good way to keep everyone up-to-date on happenings at the Little Claybelt Homesteaders Museum.

Due to the current situation, our museum is currently closed. However, 'closed' doesn't mean we aren't working. Every day we are cleaning, organizing, accessioning artifacts, and preserving our local history. Two of our current displays will need to be replaced after this summer and planning is being

done for the future exhibits. Work also continues on our Claybelt Memories and Claybelt Tapestry books, both volume 4. Maintenance is being done both inside and on the outside of the museum.

Normally at this time of the year the museum holds a yard sale and it is one of our biggest fundraisers. Currently we are organizing and preparing items for our next yard sale which will be held when we can safely do so.

We are working hard and look forward to continuing to support and serve our community.

# Current Exhibits

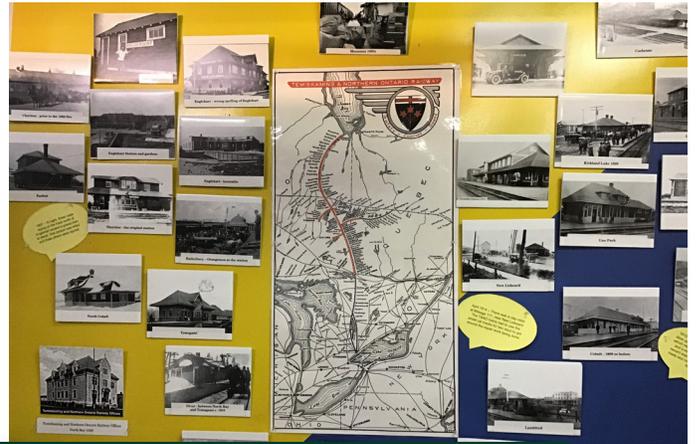


**NEW LISKEARD CUBS HOCKEY TEAM**

Our newest and largest exhibit features the history of the New Liskeard Cubs hockey team, including hockey sweaters, jackets, trophies, photos and newspaper articles.

The New Liskeard Cubs hockey team was founded in 1953. Through the years, the team won ten league championships, four All Ontario Championships and two trips to the Air Canada AAA Midget Championships where they ended up winning the silver medal in 1997.

Since 1954, more than 1,000 teenagers have proudly worn the black and gold as a "Cub" hockey player. Many graduates of the Cubs have continued with a hockey career in junior, various pro leagues, and the NHL. The Cubs are also proud of many individual players who have, through their hockey ability, graduated from universities and colleges and gone on to great careers.



**ONTARIO NORTHLAND RAILWAY**

Originally named the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway (T&NOR), the Ontario Northland Railway (ONR) was incorporated as a provincial agency in 1902 as a means of drawing industry and settlement to the northeast area of the province. Construction began in 1903 and by 1905 the railway had reached New Liskeard, right at the height of the Cobalt silver rush. By 1906 it was up to Englehart and by 1909, it arrived in Cochrane. During the 1920s and 30s, the railway was gradually extended, finally ending at Moosonee in 1932. The Temiskaming & Northern Ontario Railway played an important role in the early development of the northeast. In 1946 the railway's name was changed to the Ontario Northland Railway. In March 2012, the provincial government announced it was putting the railway up for sale due to fiscal restraints. The Northlander passenger train made its last passenger run on September 28, 2012, ending a proud tradition of 107 years.

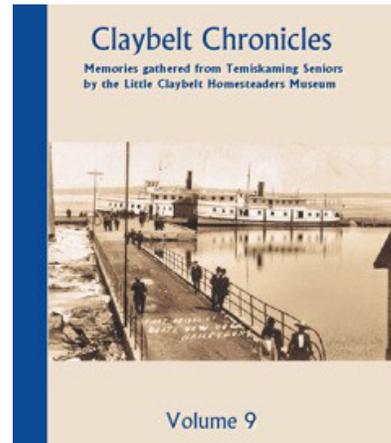
# Claybelt Chronicles



## APRONS

Our Aprons display includes a variety of homemade aprons that were worn while doing various homestead tasks. An apron is a garment worn at the front of the body for practical and decorative purposes to protect garments. Aprons are often the first garment made by someone learning to sew. They can be simple and tough, or a delicate and attractive fashion accessory. Aprons can be made of cotton, muslin, or linen. In industry, aprons can be made from canvas, leather (a blacksmith), rubber, or lead (X-ray technician).

**Visit our website to see our Virtual Museum Display: A Northern Ontario Prairie circa 1910 featuring 191 photos of our farming past. Visit online year round at [claybeltmuseum.ca](http://claybeltmuseum.ca).**



In 2006, we started interviewing our Temiskaming seniors to capture their stories and help keep the history of

the area alive with as many first-hand accounts as possible.

More than 350 seniors have been interviewed and these are their stories. Volume 9 is the final book in this series.

If you would like to purchase a copy of this new book, call a Museum director at 705-647-5580 or 705-679-5555 to get your copy. They are available at the Museum's Gift Shop, when the Museum is open, or at White Mountain Publications, 50 Silver Street, Cobalt, ON.

ISBN-13: 978-1-989293-01-0 | 8½" x 11"  
168 pages; trade paperback | \$30.00

# Membership

The Little Claybelt Homesteaders Museum is a small heritage and homesteaders museum located in New Liskeard, Ontario. We are open for the summer months from mid June to August 31 each year. The museum has no permanent staff and is operated by the Board of Directors and other volunteers, most of whom are seniors.

The museum is a not-for-profit organization. We have virtually no funding from the municipality and have been marginally self-sufficient over the years. We hold fundraisers and depend largely on the sale of our Claybelt Chronicles and other books in our gift shop.

We have published nine volumes of the Claybelt Chronicles interviews with seniors of the area who have roots to the pioneers who came here between 1880 and 1940. Volume 9 is the final volume in this series. The Claybelt Tapestry series contains photos and short histories on businesses, events and other landmarks that may

or may not still exist in the area. The Claybelt Tapestry series now has Volumes 1, 2 and 3. The Claybelt Memories series contains interviews or family histories that we have on file from much earlier than the Chronicles series. We have published Volumes 1, 2 and 3.

We rely on donations from the visitors, memberships, and fundraisers to operate the museum and to keep it open. We need your support.

Membership in the museum, attendance at fundraisers, the purchase our books, and the purchase of items from the gift shop all go a long way to help. Donations are gratefully accepted and receipted. Come and visit us at the Museum. See for yourself how it captures and preserves the homesteading pioneer spirit of the people who knew why it was worth carving out this particular place in the northland to call home. We look forward to seeing you.

## Membership Renewals

We hope you have renewed your membership for 2020 and we thank those who have already.

To become a member, please contact the museum by telephone 705-647-9575 or email [lchmuse@gmail.com](mailto:lchmuse@gmail.com). We will be happy to mail you a membership form. The membership

form can also be found on our website at [claybeltmuseum.ca](http://claybeltmuseum.ca).

**Membership cost is \$15 for individuals or \$25 family.** To donate artifacts, please contact us at the museum 705-647-9575. We issue charitable receipts for cash donations.