

# Pakenham hasn't changed ~ and that's its charm

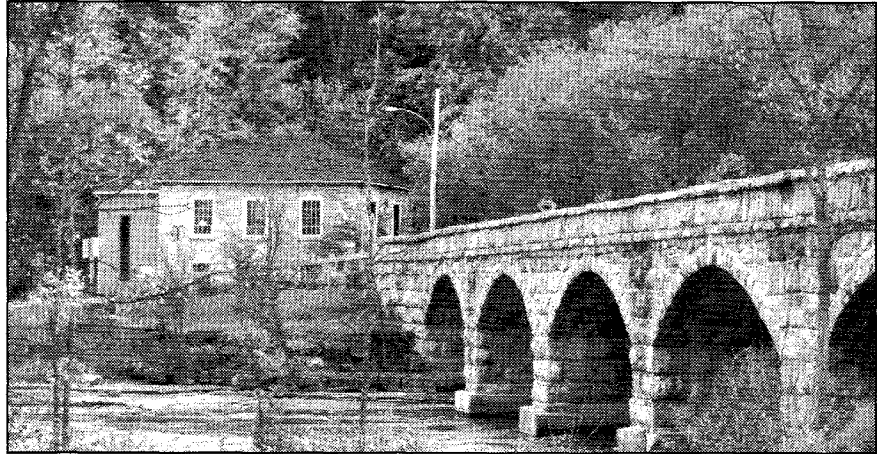
Pakenham is a village where it's wise to park the car and stroll along the streets to glimpse scenic views of the Mississippi River while admiring its charming homes and setting.

There are several eateries in the village with friendly service and very good food. A well-stocked convenience store will satisfy any other needs before you start your stroll.

The village is blessed with heritage architecture dating back to the 1830s. Most of these handsome stone landmarks were built in the 1830s by Andrew Dickson, one of the town's first residents and an important influence in Pakenham's early development in the lumber industry. If you look closely, you will discover several village streets were named after Mr. Dickson's children: Isabella, Elizabeth, Jessie, Jeanie and Margaret.

The Pakenham General Store merits special mention. Built in 1840, it is likely one of the longest operating businesses in eastern Ontario. Step inside and be welcomed by the aroma of fresh baking, and the feeling you've stepped into the past.

Two of Pakenham's architectural



The ever-changing moods of the Pakenham five-span bridge and its surrounding park are a constant source of beauty and joy---it is truly a spectacular wonder of Lanark County. St. Peter Celestine's Church is also an architectural gem, located in the village on its highest hill.

gems have been nominated as candidates for the Seven Wonders of Lanark County contest. St. Peter Celestine's Roman Catholic Church, built in 1893, stands high over the village on a hill. The second nominee is Pakenham's five-span stone bridge – the only one like it in North America. Built in 1901 to accommodate horses and carriages crossing the Mississippi River, it was restored (but not altered) in 1984. Drive across it for the experience; it's still one lane only.

Summer events include the Pakenham Fiddle and Stepdance

Competition on June 20-21 at the community centre, and the Pakenham Fair on August 16.

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