

ALBERT AND PINE STREETS

... an area that once straddled the Welland Canal and the NS&T Railway, containing two of Thorold's most striking buildings

30. 12 Albert St. W. – Old Firehall, 1878, later a police station with basement cells
31. Albert St. W. – Jaycees Centennial Park, plaque to Thorold's cotton factory, site of buried Lock 24 of the 2nd Canal, 1845
32. Towpath St., following the line of the 2nd Canal towpath, 1845
33. 20 Pine St. N. – Welland Mills, built in 1847 by Jacob Keefer, son of Thorold founder George Keefer, in its time the largest flour mill in Canada, now beautifully restored

FRONT STREET NORTH

... a continuation of downtown leading to Thorold's former industrial corridor along the 1st and 2nd Welland Canals, recently transformed by urban renewal

34. 2 Front St. N. – formerly the Bank of Commerce, 1920
35. 3-7 Front St. N. – Barbeau Block, 1875
36. 16 Front St. N. – Thorold Variety, built (with an upper storey) in 1814 as the Griffin movie theatre, later the Tivoli
37. 18 Front St. N. – Dominion Government Building and Post Office, 1936
38. 17 Front St. N. – Canadian Marine Officers Union, formerly a Battle residence, 1890s
39. 19 Front St. N. – BrownStone Pub, long a doctor's home and office, 1890s
40. 23 Front St. N. – Hydro One, site of the Thorold electric light plant and water pumping station, established ca. 1914
41. 2 Regent St. – Lamb-Bocchinfuso Funeral Home, formerly Dyck Motors, site of a trestle bridge carrying the NS&T railway over Front St.
42. 67 Front St. N. – Book Depot, formerly the Montrose Paper Mill, established in 1902 at the former location of the 1850s McDonagh Saw Mill, site of buried Lock 23 of the 2nd Canal, 1845
43. 72 Front St. N. – the old Thorold Arena, 1936, with the new arena alongside

TOWNLINE LOOP

... a mix of old industry on Front, canal remains on Bradley and attractive homes on Pine, plus the magnificent Keefer Mansion, Maplehurst, on St. David's Road

44. 110 Front St. N. – Thorold Tire & Auto, site of the Dobbie (later Dobbie and Stuart) Foundry, ca. 1860
45. 133 Front St. N. – Lock 22 Plaza, site of buried Lock 22 of the 2nd Canal, 1845, Beatty Tannery, ca. 1850, Thorold (later Penman) Knitting Mill, 1880s, and the Muratori Macaroni Factory, 1933
46. 55 John St. – industrial building, ca. 1860, Wilson Bottling Works, 1920s
47. Bradley St. – Lock 21 and five other "Mountain Locks" of the 2nd Canal, 1845
48. 92 Pine St. N. – McCleary House, 1873
49. 95-97 Pine St. N. – Beatty House, 1873
50. 68 Pine St. N. – Dobbie House, 1875
51. 15 St. David's Rd. W. – Stuart House (Rosebank), 1880s
52. 14 St. David's Rd. W. – Keefer Mansion Inn (Maplehurst), built in 1886 for John Keefer, now restored to its former glory

ORMOND, VINE & CARLETON STREETS

... a taste of institutional Thorold (a school, a church, a library and a museum), and some fine residences

53. 50 Ormond St. N. – Thorold High School, founded as a Grammar School in 1857, re-established on its present site in 1875
54. 38 Ormond St. N. – Duseau House, 1876, with a hitching post and carriage step
55. 35-37 Ormond St. N. – Tim Hortons, site of the Williams Basket Factory, 1890, later site of the Park Winery and Thorold News
56. 17 Ormond St. N. – originally Thorold's first Presbyterian church, 1859
57. 2 Vine St. – McDonagh House (Chestnut Hall), 1862, Thorold Town Hall from 1925 to 1970, since 1976 home to the Thorold and Beaverdams Historical Society and Museum
58. 14 Carleton St. N. – Rolls-Tracy House, ca. 1850
59. 9 Carleton St. N. – McGiverin-Blackstock-Lewis House, ca. 1860

MEMORIAL PARK

... a place for quiet reflection on the sacrifice of our veterans, in the heart of the Old Town

60. 8 Carleton St. S. – Central (later L. G. Lorriman) School, 1914, Thorold City Hall from 1982 to 2006
61. 12 Carleton St. S. – St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church, 1856
62. Memorial Park, established 1919, and the Thorold War Memorial, erected 1921
63. 48 and 50 Albert St. E. – formerly one house ("Squire" Black's), 1830s, split and remodelled as two homes in 1914

WELLAND CANAL TRAIL

... a trip along the 4th Welland Canal, including the Thorold Murals, remains of the 3rd Canal, houses from the 1850s, a genuine battlefield and the site of a terrorist attack

64. Thorold Murals – depicting scenes and events from Thorold's history
65. Trillium Railway – established in 1859 as the Welland (later Grand Trunk) Railway
66. 4th Welland Canal, 1932, site of John Brown's quarries in the mid-19th century
67. 5 Wellington St. N. – Constable House, 1907
68. Lock 24 of the 3rd Canal, 1882
69. Lock 7 of the 4th Canal, 1932, the highest lock on the Niagara Escarpment
70. 24 Chapel St. S. – Inn at Lock 7, built in 1965, incorporating an 1850s stone house
71. 40 and 42 Chapel St. S. – stone houses dating to the 1850s
72. Lock 7 Viewing Complex – view to the south of the paper mill established as Ontario Paper in 1912, the "rock cut" of the 3rd Canal, 1882, and the site of the Battle of Beaverdams, 1813
73. Parking lot/pond beyond Lock 7 – site of Lock 25 of the 3rd Canal, the object of an Irish-American terrorist attack in 1900

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THOROLD HERITAGE WALKS

THE THOROLD DISCOVERY WALK

Take a stroll on the Discovery Walk and sample Thorold's rich heritage and history. You may decide to do it all at once, or you may prefer to take it a section or two at a time, walking as far as you are comfortable with and returning another day to do some more. No matter how you proceed, you are sure to be surprised by what you see and learn. The total length is about 6.5 km (4 miles). For more in-depth history, try one of our shorter themed walks: the Welland Canal Walk, the Thorold Old Town Walk, or the Historical Canals Walk.



Maplehurst, the Keefer Mansion Inn



NOTE: Entries in italics denote locations described in more detail in *Thorold, a Selection of Heritage Buildings and Sites*, a free booklet published by Heritage Thorold LACAC and available at the Lock 7 Viewing Complex and Thorold Public Library. On the map these locations are marked by this symbol: ●.

PORTLAND STREET

... an old-established residential street, once called Water Street because it led to the early Welland Canals in downtown Thorold

1. 65 Chapel St. S. – Lynch House (Portland Place), built in 1914 on the site of the earlier Scotia House Hotel, 1875
2. 22 Portland St. – Flannery House, 1859
3. 35 Welland St. S. – Carter-Holland House, 1875
4. 13 Portland St. – Rolls-Fraser-McMann House, 1875
5. 50 Carleton St. S. – Dixon House, ca. 1860
6. 49 Carleton St. S. – Calcott-Walker House, 1875

BATTLE OF BEAVERDAMS PARK

... created in 1976 on the infilled channel of the 2nd Welland Canal (but despite its name not the site of the battle itself), now home to many historical and other monuments

7. Lock 25 of the 2nd Welland Canal, 1845
8. Plaque to the founding of Thorold
9. Obelisk marking the grave of American soldiers killed at the Battle of Beaverdams in 1813, originally erected on the battlesite in 1874
10. Battle of Beaverdams Cairn, originally erected on the battlesite in 1923
11. Millennium Time Capsule
12. Plaque to Laura Secord
13. JB Stone, near the site of John Brown's (later John Battle's) Thorold Cement Works, established on the Canal in about 1840
14. Keefer Stone, possibly Thorold's most significant historical artifact, a dated capstone from George Keefer's flour mill, built in 1827 on the line of the 1st Canal
15. 2 Sullivan Ave. – Maletta Dental, site of Keefer's Mill, 1827

FRONT STREET SOUTH

... the first street to be laid out in the new village of Thorold in 1827; largely rebuilt after a major fire in 1866; the shop fronts at ground level have undergone many changes since, but the upper storeys retain original features, best viewed from across the street; several buildings (numbers 18, 22, 24, 35 and others) have cast iron pillars made locally at the Dobbie Foundry.

West Side

16. 63 Front St. S. – Thorold Community Credit Union, site of Thorold's NS&T railway station until 1959
17. 47 Front St. S. – John's Thorold Music, the former Imperial Bank of Canada, 1912
18. 37-45 Front St. S. – Summers Block, ca. 1870, the street's largest commercial block
19. 31-35 Front St. S. – Carr-Millar-McMillan Block, 1868
20. 29 Front St. S. – Steadman Jeweller, established 1912
21. 15 Front St. S. – Henderson Pharmacy, formerly Macartney's Drugstore, ca. 1870
22. 11 Front St. S. – Gypsy Alley, built in the 1850s, one of the few buildings to survive the fire of 1866

East Side

23. 54 Front St. S. – Moose & Goose Tavern, formerly the City Hotel, ca. 1860, then the Thorold Inn, once operated by Patrick Donnelly, the "good" member of the infamous Black Donnelly clan
24. 44-48 Front St. S. – formerly the Welland House Hotel, erected in the 1870s
25. 32-36 Front St. S. – formerly the Masonic Hall, 1877
26. 28 Front St. S. – formerly the Quebec Bank, 1875
27. 8-16 Front St. S. – Home Hardware and Hana's Place blocks, 1860s
28. 6 Front St. S. – Hana's kitchen, built as a livery stable in 1909, but instead modified and used as a movie theatre until 1914
29. 4 Front St. S. – Summit House Tavern, formerly the British Hotel, established ca. 1850