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In 1875 the Canadian Parliament voted to distribute \$50,000 in \$20.00 increments to all Canadian militia veterans of the War of 1812 who were still alive and residing in Canada. Of the approximately 2554 eligible recipients, who applied, the following veterans are shown as living in St. Catharines.

(first line) name - age in 1875 - residence - 1812-1815 rank - corp or division

**BESSEY, John** – age 79 - St. Catharines - private - Lincoln

Land Claim Certificate notes that he served in the Flank Co. 1st Regiment Lincoln Militia. Born in Niagara and in the census of 1871 - 21 (A) Grantham Township - age: 74 – religion: NC – origin: English – occupation: farmer. Married on 04 December 1844.

He died 28 April 1885 in Grantham and is buried in Old Section 'F' Victoria Lawn Cemetery – Monument Inscription: John BESSEY 1797 – 1885 / His Wife Magdalene SMITH 1793 – 1872

**HARTWELL, Joseph K.** - age 79 - St. Catharines - private - Leeds

Land Claim certificate notes that he served in the Flank Co. 2nd Regiment Leeds Militia.

Census of 1871 - 021 (B) St. Catharines – age: 74 – born: USA – religion: EP – origin: English – occupation: labourer. In the 1875-76 Directory for St. Catharines he is listed as Col. Joseph K. HARTWELL living at 16 Yates Street. Burial: unknown

**HAYNES, Adam** – age 79 - St. Catharines - private - Lincoln

Born in 1796. Census of 1871 - 21 (D) Louth Township –age: 72 – born: Ontario – religion: Wesleyan Born Methodist – origin: German – occupation: farmer. Adam was the son of Adam a U.E. Loyalist and his

wife Elizabeth FROELICK; Adam married Magdalene SCHRAM.  
Burial: Maple Lawn Cemetery, Third Street, Louth – Inscription: Adam Haynes died Feb. 23, 1884 – 88 y’rs 2 mo’s & 19 days

**HILL, Solomon** – age 82 - St. Catharines – private - 4th Battalion

Census of 1871 -21 (B) St. Catharines – age: 63 – born: Ontario – religion: PR – origin: English – occupation: INS Manager

Land Claim certificate notes that he served in the 2nd Flank Co. 4th Regiment Lincoln Militia

Burial: unknown

**JONES, William** – age 78 - St. Catharines, Private, 1st Lincoln

Census of 1871 -21 (A) Grantham Township - Jones William F. – age: 73 – born: Ontario – religion: Wesleyan Methodist – origin: English – occupation: farmer. His wife’s name was Elizabeth. Burial: unknown

**OUSTERHOUT, Henry** – age 79 - St. Catharines – private - Lincoln

Census of 1852 (the surname is spelled OSTERHOUT – born: Upper Canada – occupation: farmer. His wife’s name was Hannah. Burial: St. David’s United Church Cemetery – Monument Inscription: OSTERHOUT, Henry d. Nov. 3, 1875 Age 80 y’rs.

**TINLIN, James** – age 84 - St. Catharines – 1st Lincoln

Land Claim certificate notes that he served in the Flank Co. 1st Regiment Lincoln Militia

Census of Louth Township in 1852 shows him as a carpenter, born in Scotland. His wife’s name was Margaret COON. Burial: unknown

Note: Government Sessional Papers of 1877 show JONES and OSTERHOUT as dead and not receiving their \$20.00.

