

**THE  
PAQUETTE  
FAMILY**

### PAQUETTE CORNERS

Paquette Corners is described best by its name. The community is located on the crossroads of Walker Road and the Colchester North-Anderdon and Sandwich South Townline, (known only as Townline Road), and was entitled after an early French settler named Paquette. The name of Paquette holds firm in the history of Sandwich South as one of the area's earliest settlers, and is a grand example of French influence in the region. In fact it is a good reminder to historians and local residents alike, that indeed we should not undermine the contribution made by the French to the historic development of the township.

Much like their Irish counterparts, the Roman Catholic French settlers of the Paquette area have passed their land down generation upon generation to their present descendents. Paquette, Lounsborough, and Dufault are examples of this continuing line of French prominence.

The first business venture in the area was started by Joseph Harshaw, who bought and moved the old frame No. 4 schoolhouse to Paquette in 1894, and transformed it into a Blacksmith shop. More recently, Dan Paquette started up the first gas station at 'the corner' and this was later transferred to the ownership of Henry Thrasher, who added a general store and a repair shop to the service station.

Hydro came to the community in December of 1925.

The two churches serving the majority of Paquette residents are the Redeemer Anglican Church and St. Clement's Roman Catholic Church in McGregor, further south on Walker Road.

Recreational festivities generally occur in the Orange Lodge No. 552 built originally in 1894, and located on the sixth concession just south of the Anderdon Sandwich South townline. And the schoolchildren of Paquette were once served by the SS No. 10 and SS No. 4 on the Townline Road.

The first telephone line in Sandwich South was installed in 1896, or 1897, by a Dr. Jenner of Essex, and ran from Essex to Paquette Corners. The doctor desired a private line on which people could call for his assistance with speed and dependability. The line had two phones, one at his house and the other at Cyril Paquette's residence on the other end. This telephone system was in existence until 1910, disappearing with the advent of Municipal lines.

In 1957, the community of Paquette Corners was extended with the 'Sunnybrook Development' creating ten new homes in two years. Lawrence Shepley was behind this development and thus the new homes have since been termed the 'Shepley Subdivision'.



MR. CYRILE PAQUETTE

A life-long resident of Essex County, Mr. Paquette died Saturday in his 92nd year, at his farm in Paquette, where he spent 58 years of his life. The community of Paquette was named after him.

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## Pioneer Dies In 92nd Year

Cyrile Paquette Is Taken;  
Lived Whole Life In  
County

## Once Ran Hotel

Lived 58 Years in Com-  
munity Which Was Named  
After Him

Cyrile Paquette, a pioneer of Essex County, after whom the community of Paquette, in the township of Sandwich South, was named, died Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock, at the old homestead, in his 92nd year. Mr. Paquette was a lifelong resident of Essex County, and, for 58 years before his death, lived in Paquette.

## RAN HOTEL

Born in Windsor, Mr. Paquette, as a child of two years, moved with his parents to a farm on the shores of River Canard, Anderdon township. For 32 years he lived in that district, for many years operating a hotel there.

Fifty-eight years ago he moved to the Paquette home. For 18 years he operated a hotel called "Paquette's Corners." It was from this hotel that the community derived its name. Forty years ago Mr. Paquette left the hotel business, to take up farming.

## CHURCH WORKER

At the Paquette homestead, he farmed until his retirement 12 years ago. His wife predeceased him seven years ago. He was a member of St. Clement's church, McGregor, and was very active in church work.

In spite of his advanced years, he enjoyed normal health until a year ago, when his health began to fail. A week ago his condition turned serious, and Saturday he passed away quietly.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. E. J. Brazel, Detroit; Mrs. (Dr.) A. C. Drouillard, Wyandotte, Michigan, and Mrs. Arthur Pagot, Loiselleville; and four sons, Wallace, at home; John, Windsor; Daniel and Louis, Paquette.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday morning at the homestead, Paquette Station, at 9 o'clock, and at St. Clement's church at 10 o'clock. Interment will be made in St. Clement cemetery.



Adelaide  
Drouillard

Paul  
Pajotte

Jo

Lois  
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Clarice  
Pajot

Sarah Braz

Ed

Lucile

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