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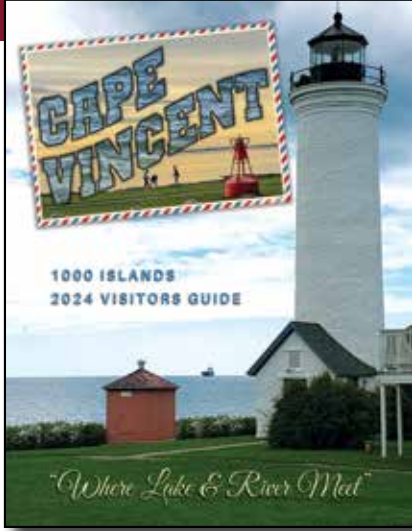
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#### And one citizenship document:

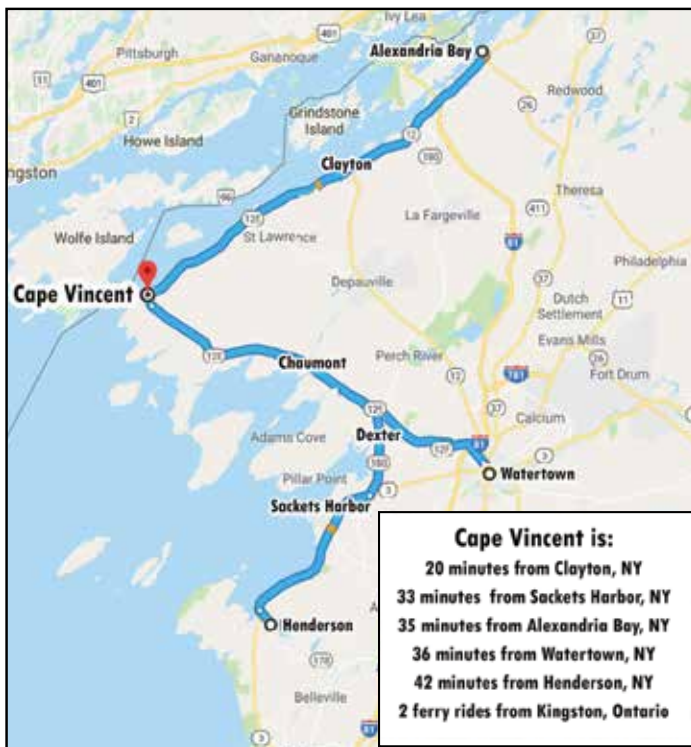
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- U.S. Certificate of Citizenship
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# How To Get HERE From THERE

From	To Cape Vincent	From	To Cape Vincent
	Miles k/m		Miles k/m
Albany, NY	200 333	New York, NY	346 574
Binghamton, NY	175 292	Ottawa, ON	123 204
Boston, MA	420 700	Philadelphia, PA	380 630
Buffalo, NY	235 392	Pittsburgh, PA	465 772
Cleveland, OH	425 708	Quebec City, QC	354 548
Detroit, MI	515 855	Rochester, NY	155 257
Harrisburg, PA	370 614	Syracuse, NY	98 163
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**H**ome to Tibbetts Point Lighthouse, Cape Vincent is a classic little river town in the 1000 Islands offering endless views of both the St. Lawrence River and Lake Ontario. Visitors can look forward to unique shopping, dining, lodging and recreational experiences from Cedar Point to Snug Harbor.

Downtown Cape Vincent is a one-mile stretch along the river lined with a wonderfully diverse set of businesses. From pottery, jewelry, and self care products – all handmade in Cape Vincent, to our produce markets and art gallery, your shopping bags will go home filled with quality products.

We have a very distinct selection of local craft beverages. Recently added to the assortment is Cape Vincent's very own specialty coffee roasters, found brewing at the cafe or by the bag in local shops. At the center of downtown the local

brewery has just expanded and now offers a great dining experience along with their craft beer. A few minutes from downtown is our award winning winery, a great stop to make while visiting Tibbetts Point Lighthouse or traversing the lake and river side.

When you're ready for a bite to eat you can find seafood dishes and rice bowls; specialty pizzas; fish fry, burger, taco and prime rib nights – you will not go hungry. Multiple locations offer takeout and outdoor dining options to enjoy the scenery.

Lodging options include everything from inns and hotels – some historic, lake and riverside cabins and cottages, to seasonal rentals for all-summer vacationers. Accommodations are available at multiple establishments for year round booking.

Along with our local marinas,

docking is available at East End Waterfront Park, and the village dock at Esselstyne Street. Cape Vincent is a wonderful place to fish, boat, dive, hike, bike and wander. With a 20-30 minute drive to Clayton, Alexandria Bay, and Sackets Harbor, Cape Vincent is perfectly located to plan a day trip to all of your favorite 1000 Islands destinations.

Cape Vincent is fast becoming a place where people like to live, as well as spend their vacation. Excellent highways provide transportation to Cape Vincent. When traveling on Interstate 81, Exit 46 is the most convenient exit to provide you a direct route to "The Cape". When you reach your destination, you can enjoy watching ships from all over the world passing through the clean blue waters of the St. Lawrence River and Lake Ontario.



## WELCOME TO OUR WORLD

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Information on Cape Vincent is as close as your browser.

Click on [www.capevincent.org](http://www.capevincent.org) and you'll get information on places to shop, restaurants, places to stay, village services, marinas and lots of photos. If you have questions email [capevincentchamber@gmail.com](mailto:capevincentchamber@gmail.com) and we will get right back to you.

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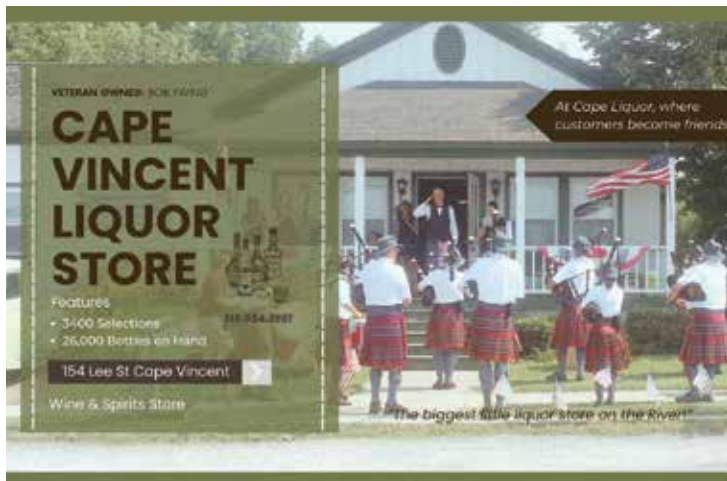
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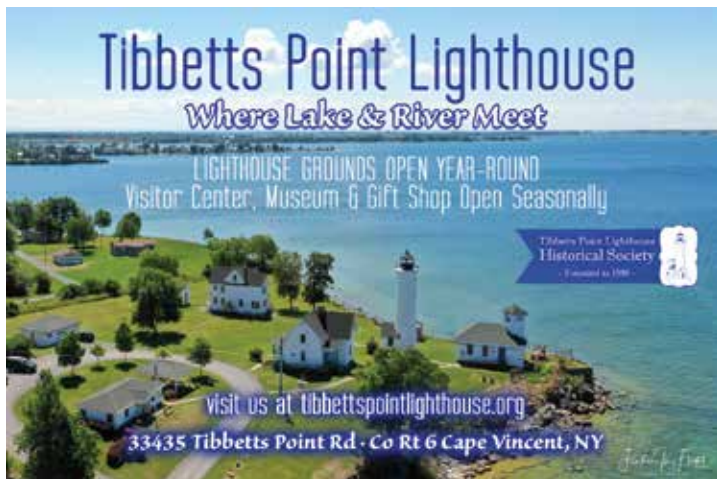
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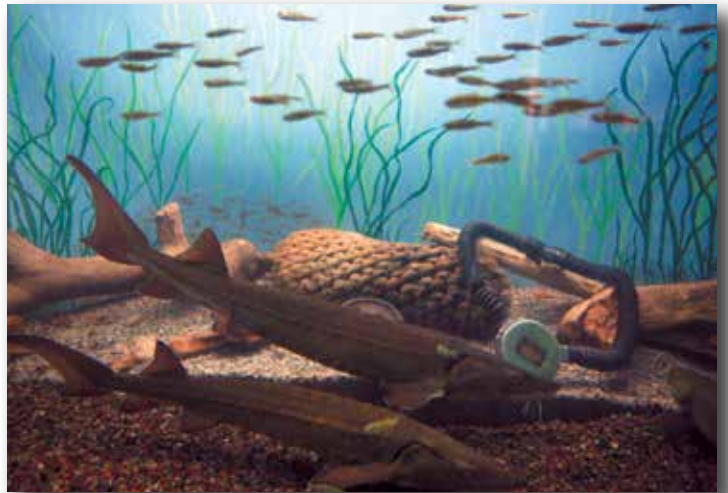
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APRIL	8th	Solar Eclipse
	13th	Wedding Expo at Sally Port View
MAY	15th	May Member Mixer at Channel Marker 243
	25th	Spring Fishing Derby at the Village Green
JUNE	4th	Cape Street Market season begins 10 am – 4 pm
	8th	Town & Village Yard Wide Sale

JULY	12th - 14th	Annual French Festival
	27th	NYTBF Points Tournament
	28th	Annual Dick Garlock Memorial Open Tournament
AUGUST	31st	Annual Autos on the River
SEPTEMBER	1st	Start of the Membership Drive
	17th	Cape Street Market season ends 10 am – 4 pm
	28th	Oktoberfest
	29th	Annual Dinner on the Village Green
	26th	Annual Trek & Treat
NOVEMBER	30th	Small Business Saturday
DECEMBER	6th	Tree Lighting Festival



We will keep our events calendar online up-to-date as more information becomes available. Please visit [www.capevincent.org](http://www.capevincent.org) for the latest details.

For more information contact the Cape Vincent Chamber of Commerce [www.capevincent.org](http://www.capevincent.org), [capevincentchamber@gmail.com](mailto:capevincentchamber@gmail.com), or 315-654-2481 / text 315-783-5591







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# Cape Vincent ... a Witness to History



BY THE CAPE VINCENT HISTORICAL MUSEUM  
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Cape Vincent residents take great pride in the historic background of this area and in the heritage of their ancestors.

Earliest history of this area dates back to the years of the first Indian settlements in New York State. Traces have been found of an Iroquois prehistoric village, and it has been shown also that the Onondaga Indians claimed this portion of New York State as their hunting grounds.

The first record of the white man's visit to this immediate vicinity was in 1615, five

years prior to the landing of the Pilgrims. Samuel de Champlain and his compatriots on their expedition to the Iroquois country reached Lake Ontario near Kingston, Ontario, Canada, thus bringing the expedition within the water limit of our town.

Early in 1655, French Missionary priests, Father Chaumonot and Father Dablon were here as missionaries among the Onondaga Indians. History shows that both England and France were endeavoring to monopolize the Indian trade and to extend their influence with the native tribes. The French established a fort at Niagara and the English established a fort at Oswego. Both the French and English built trading posts, established missions and built homes in this area.

Beginning in the 1770's, early settlers moving west from New England sought environments which were rich in game, timber, land suitable for farming, and rivers and lakes which facilitated communication, commerce, and defense. In 1788 land speculators Alexander Macomb and William Constable purchased five land tracts from the State of New York. Soon after the acquisition, Macomb went bankrupt and his

interests were assumed by James LeRay de Chaumont. After colonial independence, Jacques LeRay de Chaumont purchased and settled some 800,000 acres in Northern New York. The tract of land extends from what is today Fort Drum, where their home was sited, to Alexandria Bay named for Alexander LeRay, to Cape Vincent and including Chaumont, named for the family home in France, to Lake Ontario and back to Fort Drum.

The involvement of LeRay, a Frenchman with U.S. citizenship, attracted a number of his wealthy, aristocratic countryman who sought to flee the French Revolution. These French expatriates, some associated with Napoleon Bonaparte, found the largely unsettled lands owned by LeRay to be particularly suitable for relocation. Émigrés from his homeland included Comte Pierre Francois Real, a member of the Council of State, Field Marshall Grouchy, and General Rolland, all of whom conspired to free Napoleon from exile on St. Helena Island and bring him to this new locale. Napoleon died on St. Helena before these sympathizers could act on his release.

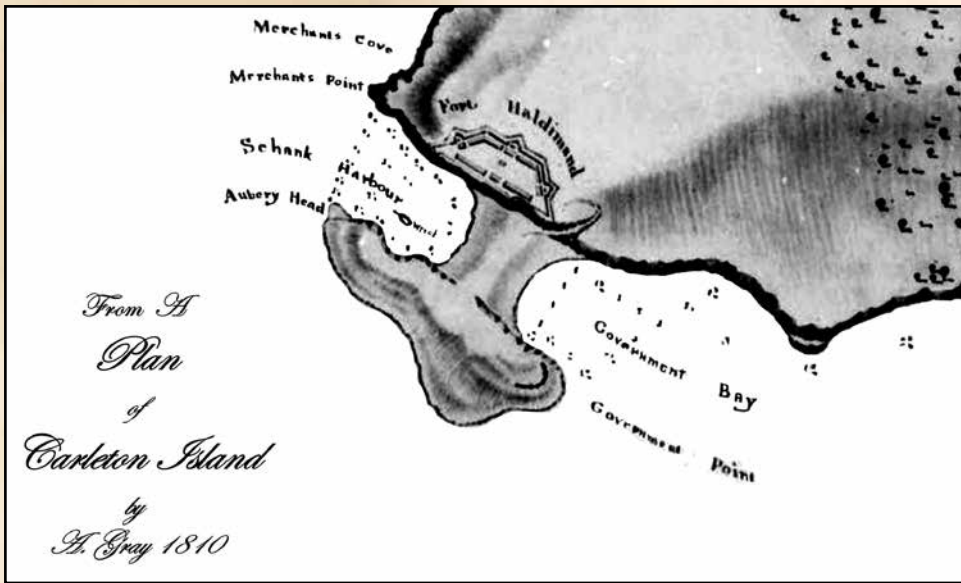
The first organized settlement of what would become the village of Cape Vincent was commissioned by LeRay in 1809 and named after his son Vincent. He had a mile square surveyed for the Village of Cape Vincent, and thereafter the U.S. Congress in March 1815 directed that Carleton, Linda, Grenadier and Fox Islands were to become part of Cape Vincent. The proximity of the Cape Vincent to Kingston, Ontario, Canada and the fact that the river could be crossed by ferry as well as across the ice in winter made it a choice location for a commercial town. A ferry service was established as early as 1807 between Cape Vincent and Wolfe Island, Canada. The initial development of the village began with the waterfront area being cleared and a wharf, blockhouse, tavern and barn erected. A residence and store were constructed that same year by Richard Esselstyn. A lumbering business was Esselstyn's next venture, which proved hugely successful.

During the War of 1812, declaration of war made it necessary to have armed forces at Cape Vincent, and there was no army post on the frontier in as much danger as Cape Vincent, since the enemy had a large force in Kingston, Ontario, Canada.

Cape Vincent developed rapidly during the early 1800's when the state road was extended from Brownville to Cape Vincent. The town was officially established in 1849, separated at the time from the Town of







Lyme. Four years later in 1853 the village of Cape Vincent was incorporated.

The building of homes, grain mills, cheese plants proceeded with the expansion of farmed lands throughout the Town of Cape Vincent through the early to mid-1800's. A momentous, economic expansion came with the completion of the Cape Vincent and Rome Railroad in 1852. The railroad was the main means of transportation to and from this village for many years. Additionally, the ferry service furthered such travel to Kingston, Ontario Canada.

For the most part, Cape Vincent remained predominantly an agricultural community throughout the 19th century. Farming, particularly dairy farming, was always a big part of Cape Vincent's economy. In the latter part of the 19th Century that focus began to shift. As early as 1880, the "Thousand Islands" were publicized opening a new era that catered to well-to-do summer vacationers.

As you travel through Cape Vincent today your first impression is probably of the serenity of the village, or the friendliness of its

inhabitants, or the beauty of the St. Lawrence River. Those of us who make our home here in the Cape Vincent area are very proud of all of these factors, but we would like to point out a few of our landmarks and other outstanding "bits of interest" for this vicinity.

At the end of Tibbets Point Road leading west, where the great Lake Ontario meets the St. Lawrence River stands the Tibbets Point Lighthouse. The land used was a grant received by Captain John Tibbet of Troy. This lighthouse was erected in 1826 by an appropriation of \$3,000. Today it still guides ships traveling the St. Lawrence Seaway into the Great Lakes. The light is automated and under the control of the U. S. Coast Guard. The main dwelling was used for a Youth Hostel for several years.

As you enter the village coming down from Tibbets Point, you will pass the famous "Stone House" which housed Canadian rebels during the Patriot War in 1838. This house has not been changed in any way.

Up on Kanady Street stands the stone Catholic Church, St. Vincent of Paul's, which was built in 1851. The attached stone covered church hall was added in 1965.

On Real Street, toward the river, is the Cape Vincent Community Library which opened in June 1968. On the land where the library is located was built the original Cup and Saucer house constructed in 1818 as a refuge for Napoleon. Although the original structure was destroyed by fire in 1867, the foundation of the original building is a part of the library building.

The first of three Cape Vincent Newspapers, the

Gazette, was published in 1852. The Cape Vincent Eagle was published from 1872-1951, when the final edition was printed. The building that housed the newspaper is next to the fire hall.

On Broadway stands a new and attractive fire hall built in 1967 by subscriptions of interested citizens. This building replaced an old wooden structure which served the needs of the volunteer fire department for 83 years.

Across from the Fire Hall is the John C. Londraville American Legion Post No. 832 which was formed in 1919. Down one block toward the river is the Memorial Plaque in memory of Cape Vincent World War I and World War II veterans.

The United Church on Broadway, formerly the Presbyterian Church, was erected in 1823.

The original St. John's Episcopal Church built in 1841, was destroyed by fire in 1999. A new church was erected and was dedicated in 2001. The church is located on Market Street.

The Post Office on Broadway opened its new building on April 2, 1962.

The New York State DEC Fisheries Research Station and Aquarium, formerly a Bureau of Fisheries building, was erected in 1856. Built to be used as a grist mill, it was purchased in 1895 by the Federal government for a Fisheries Bureau. As a Federal Fish Hatchery, it is noted that in 1906 there had been 38,780,000 eggs from various kinds



of fish were hatched and distributed to different points. This building is open to the public today for your inspection, displaying many kinds of fish.

The work on the breakwater was started in 1900 and completed in 1906. This makes a safe harbor for both large ships and small boats. In 1983 the breakwater was repaired and resurfaced.

The Cape Vincent Seaway Pilots office

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and dock are located at the foot of Point Street. From here the lake and river pilots are transported to their assigned ships as they travel from the lake into the river or from the river into the lake. This operates 24 hours a day from April until December during the lake and river navigation season. To see when the ships may be passing through log onto [www.greatlakes-seaway.com](http://www.greatlakes-seaway.com)

Throughout the area are many old homes built of limestone which was available in the region. These attractive homes were built of a low-sprawling design, many in the Wilson's Bay area, and have been kept in their original form.

On South James Street in the village is a house which was built in 1872, by General Delos Sacket who entertained Civil War Generals and is considered one of the most historic homes in the village.

History shows that one of the first schools of learning in this area was erected on Carleton Island in 1823. From then on, many one-room school houses were built throughout the area, in 1906 the records show that there were 17 school districts in the town of

Cape Vincent. The present school building, on Esselstyne Street, now an elementary building, was constructed in 1942 when all the districts centralized.

In 1967, voters in Cape Vincent and Clayton (15 miles to the northeast) voted to consolidate their two districts in order to provide facilities to increase educational opportunities to all local youth. In September of 1972, the new Thousand Islands Central School, comprised of a Middle and High School, opened on its site at Sand Bay, half way between Cape Vincent and Clayton.

In 1968, local residents inaugurated a French Festival Day. This day has become an annual affair and is held on the second Saturday in July near Bastille Day. French Festival Day has grown each year, bringing thousands of visitors to Cape Vincent for the celebration which consists of many French booths, exhibits, costumes, French pastries, a parade, band concerts and climaxes with a fireworks display.

The Community House located Market Street was the first framed house built in the early 1800's by the Borland family. In 1931 the Fish family donated it to the village for a Community building. In 1969 it was opened

as the first Museum for the village. Since then, the Cape Vincent Historical Museum has relocated to one of Cape Vincent's oldest buildings. The stone structure located on North James Street was used as a barracks to house soldiers during the War of 1812. Later on, the Forsythe Brothers manufactured ironwork for sailing vessels and cook stoves during its day as a foundry and machine shop. It has also served as a town barn. The Cape Vincent Chamber of Commerce has an office and a Tourist Information and Visitor's Center in part of this historic stone building.

Locally, there are many organizations with active membership. These include Church Societies, Parent-Teacher Organization, Lion's Club, Knights of Columbus, Study clubs, Firemen, Fire Dept. Auxiliary, Ambulance and Emergency Squad, American Legion, and American Legion Auxiliary, Chamber of Commerce, Improvement League, Arts Council and numerous others. For those who belong to a number of these organizations, the winter months particularly are filled with various activities. Ice fishing, snowmobiling, skating, ice boating, cross country skiing are popular with Cape Vincent residents during the winter months also.




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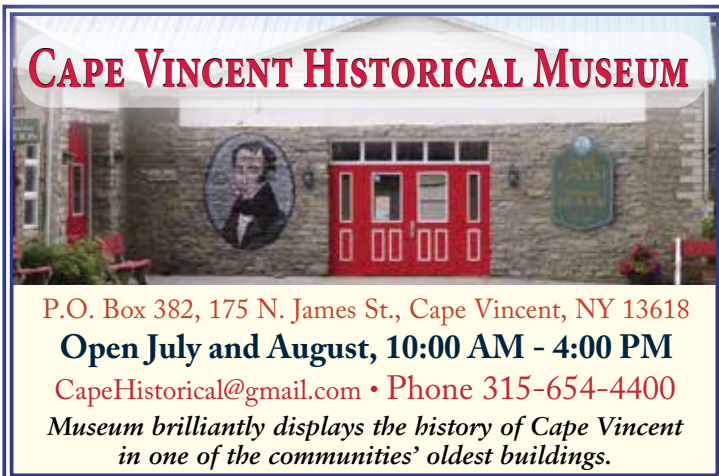
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