



Lock No. 1—Port Elmsley Lock

Located near the confluence of two channels at the foot of the island, approx. 1.5 miles from the Tay's mouth. A flat dam to the north bank and a long stone embankment on the south bank maintained a reservoir back to Lock No. 2, which served as mill pond for the grist mill built on the north side in 1854.

Lock No. 2—Pike Falls or Gemmill's Lock

Located a quarter mile above Lock No. 1 in the same southern channel. Although rebuilt in 1854 for unknown reasons and by an unknown party, it had fallen to ruins by 1866. By the 1850s, it was also the site of James Shaw's sawmill and the Shoddy Mill. The latter became the Globe Graphite Mill in 1901, the ruins of which still exist.



Lock No. 3—Weatherhead's Mill

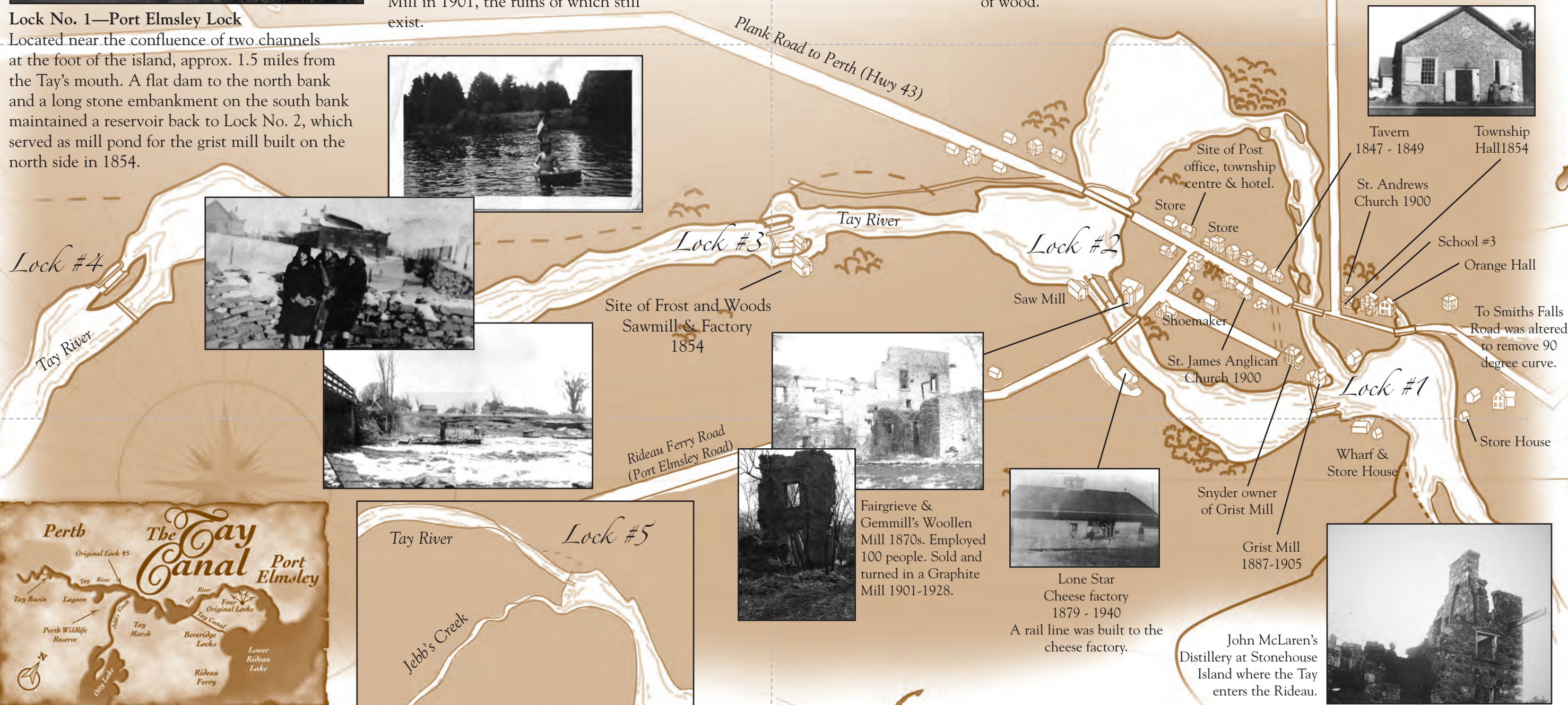
In 1829, the Weatherheads erected a sawmill and dam at this site, which prompted formation of the TNC in 1831. Located .5 mile upstream from Lock No. 2 in mid-river, it had the largest lift on the Tay at 9'. A large embankment ran along the northern wall.

Lock No. 4—McTavish's Lock

Not part of the original plan, it became apparent by 1832 that a fifth lock was needed at McVittie's Rapids, only .5 mile upstream from No. 3, so as to avoid unacceptable flooding of private and Crown lands. It held water back for 3.5 miles, helping to expand the Tay Marsh. As an unbudgeted item, it was the only lock built entirely of wood.

Lock No. 5—Dowson's Lock

Located at Jebb's Creek, 2.5 miles below Perth, it was wedged between the southern bank and what may have been a manmade island. It had the smallest lift, at only 2'. From here, the old tow path to Perth now forms part of the Rideau Trail.



Site of Frost and Woods Sawmill & Factory 1854

Saw Mill

Site of Post office, township centre & hotel.

Store

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Shoemaker

St. James Anglican Church 1900

Tavern 1847 - 1849

Township Hall 1854

St. Andrews Church 1900

School #3

Orange Hall

To Smiths Falls Road was altered to remove 90 degree curve.

Store House

Wharf & Store House

Snyder owner of Grist Mill

Grist Mill 1887-1905

Lone Star Cheese factory 1879 - 1940

A rail line was built to the cheese factory.

John McLaren's Distillery at Stonehouse Island where the Tay enters the Rideau.

Fairgrieve & Gemmill's Woollen Mill 1870s. Employed 100 people. Sold and turned in a Graphite Mill 1901-1928.

Perth

The Tay Canal Port Elmsley

Tay Basin

Lagoon

Perth Wildlife Reserve

Ung Lake

Jebb's Creek

Tay Marsh

Beveridge Locks

Rideau Ferry

Four Original Locks

Tay Canal

Lower Rideau Lake

Tay River

Jebb's Creek

Lock #5

Rideau Ferry Road (Port Elmsley Road)

Lock #3

Lock #2

Lock #1

Plank Road to Perth (Hwy 43)

Tay River