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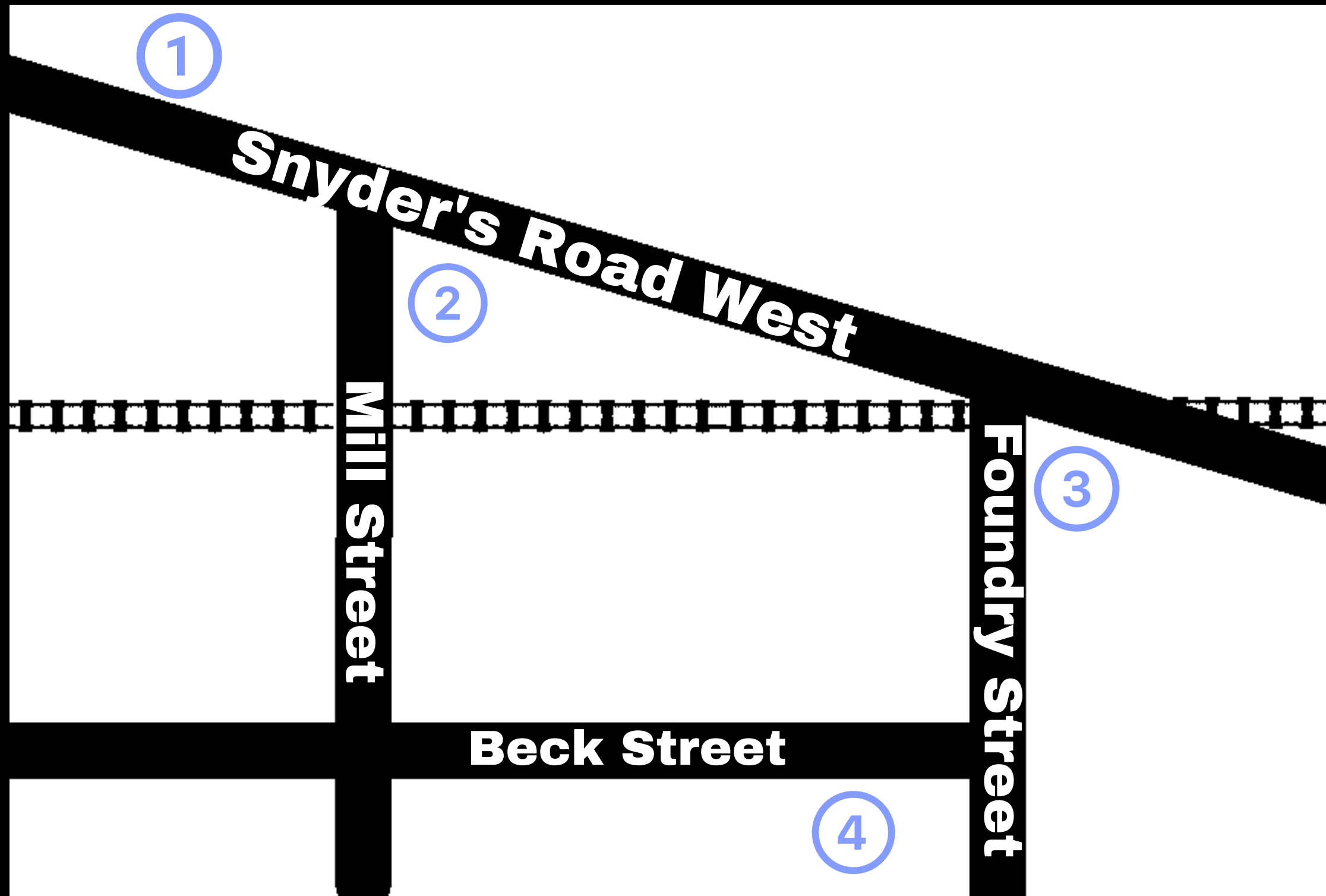
# Vintage Views of Wilmot

## Baden

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1. Castle Kilbride c.1900

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60 Snyder's Road West

James Livingston, known as the *Flax and Linseed Oil King of Canada*, built this Italianate home in 1877. Named after his birthplace in East Kilbride, Scotland, it remained in the family for three generations. The main features of the home are the finest examples of rare, three-dimensional *Trompe L'oeil* painted wall and ceiling murals. Now a museum, it was designated a National Historic Site in 1994.



## 2. Baden Hotel c.1930



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39 Snyder's Road West

The Baden Hotel opened on July 22, 1874, by Christopher Kraus. Kraus strategically located the hotel near the Grand Trunk Railway Station, making it a focal point for business and social activities. Inside boasts many original features and hand painted tin ceiling.

The Georgian style building is one of the oldest operating taverns in Canada. Designated by Heritage Wilmot in 2002 under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.



# 3. Baden Opera House c.1920



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11 Foundry Street

The Baden Opera House once dominated this corner and hosted concerts, plays and other touring companies.

In 1911, this was the site where Sir Adam Beck (founder of Ontario's public hydro-electric system) turned on electricity for the first time to his hometown village.

Sadly, in 1949, one of the largest fires in Baden destroyed the front half of this building.



# 4. 111th Battalion March in Baden c.1916



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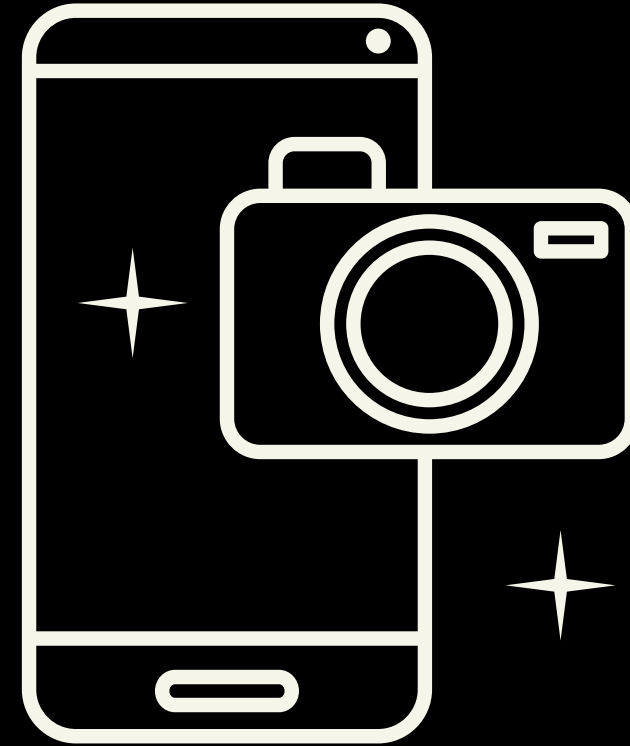


## 4. 111th March in Baden c.1916

### Beck Street

In March of 1916, the 111th South Waterloo Overseas Battalion marched from Galt to New Hamburg to muster support. This photo highlights the hundreds of soldiers that marched through the village of Baden. In the background you can see Livingston Presbyterian Church (designated by Heritage Wilmot in 2019 under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act. The first church in Wilmot to be designated). and the roof of the former Baden Train Station.

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