

**August 4 -Cassel Brothers-** Have you ever heard of the Cassel Brothers? John and Jacob Cassel were born in 1871. These fearless twins gained fame as tightrope walkers, trapeze artists, and balloonists. During shows, they would ascend to approximately 500 feet and land by parachute. The twins gave many performances throughout Waterloo County before joining the circus and taking their act into the United States.

Jacob was injured in a fall and spent time recovering at his mother's house in New Dundee. Once recovered, he went back to performing some of his act, but unfortunately, he died of a heart condition in 1909. He was buried in Blenheim Mennonite Cemetery, outside of Washington, Ontario.

One year later, John was injured in a fall which resulted in his death. John was buried in Louisville, Kentucky.

The Cassel brothers are honoured in The Waterloo Region Hall of Fame which is located at the Ken Seiling Waterloo Region Museum. Check out the other Wilmot inductees

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