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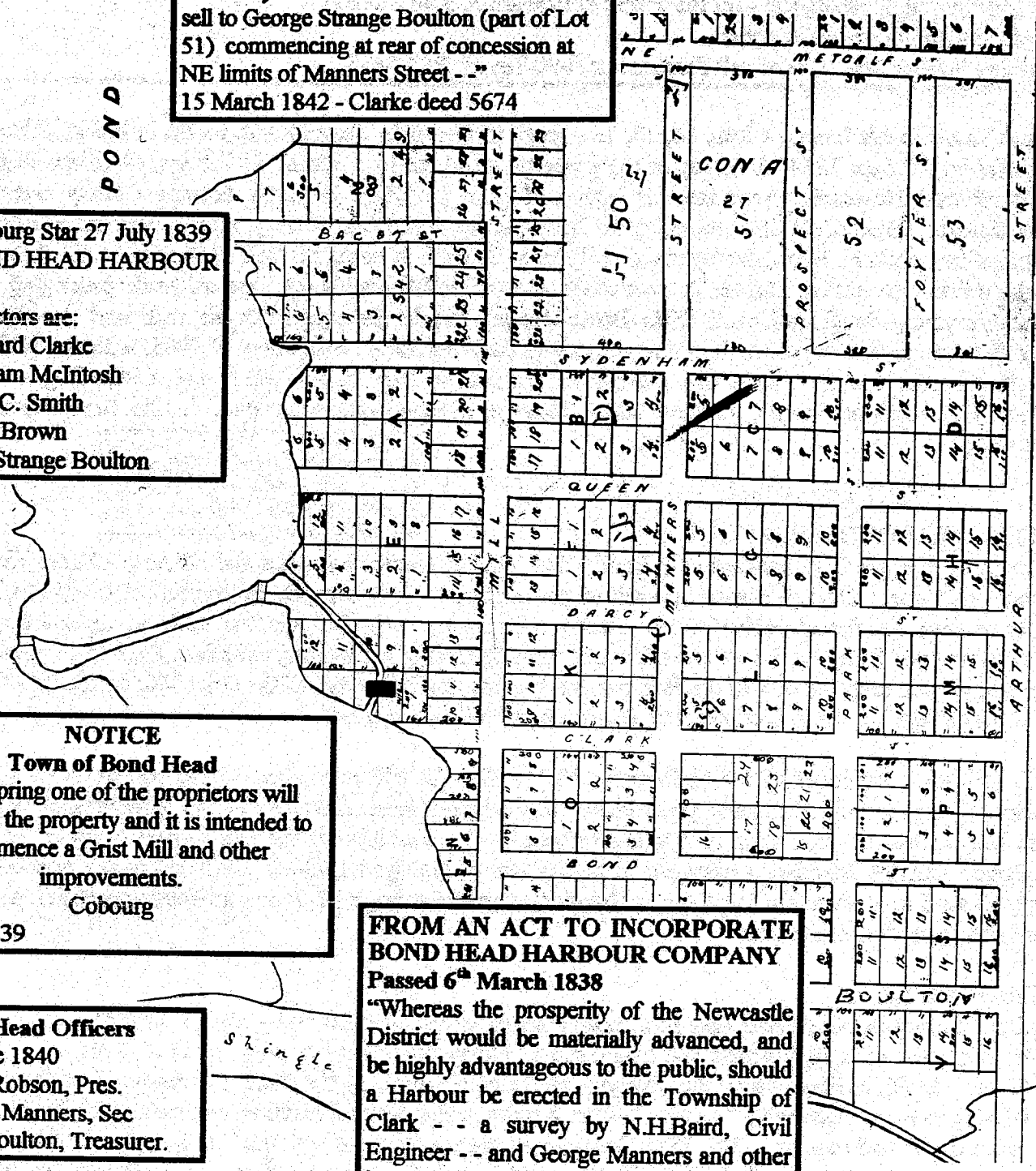
"Robert Charles Manners of Bond Head and Mary Plummer Manners his wife sell to George Strange Boulton (part of Lot 51) commencing at rear of concession at NE limits of Manners Street - -" 15 March 1842 - Clarke deed 5674

Cobourg Star 27 July 1839
BOND HEAD HARBOUR CO.
Directors are:
Edward Clarke
William McIntosh
Ezra C. Smith
John Brown
Geo Strange Boulton

NOTICE
Town of Bond Head
In the spring one of the proprietors will reside on the property and it is intended to commence a Grist Mill and other improvements.
Cobourg
4th Nov 1839

Bond Head Officers
15 June 1840
R. W. Robson, Pres.
Robt C Manners, Sec
G. S. Boulton, Treasurer.

FROM AN ACT TO INCORPORATE BOND HEAD HARBOUR COMPANY
Passed 6th March 1838
"Whereas the prosperity of the Newcastle District would be materially advanced, and be highly advantageous to the public, should a Harbour be erected in the Township of Clark - - a survey by N.H. Baird, Civil Engineer - - and George Manners and other have petitioned - -"



BOND HEAD This is part of the PLAN FOR THE VILLAGE OF NEWCASTLE, CLARKE dated 11 Jan 1868 and signed by Clement G Hanning and George Strange Boulton. It is commonly called the HANNING PLAN. Note that there is no indication of the Bond Head Cemetery which is now on lot "D." Street extensions were planned to the west of Mill St - but are now laneways or entrances to fields - not streets with houses.

**A VISIT TO THE HOME OF PIPPA & DENIS SCHMIEGELOW
MARK YOUR CALENDAR - SUNDAY, JULY 18th - at NOON**

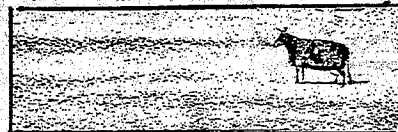
The President's Pot Luck Lunch will be held this year at the home of Pippa and Denis Schmiegelow - 261 Mill St South, Newcastle - (at the corner of Edward & Mill Streets).

Bring food - drinks will be supplied.

For further information - please call Florence or Herb Taylor, 987-5433.

William Taylor Boate bought 4 lots, 16, 17, 18 - (opp. St George's Church) - & lot 62 in block 15 from Hart Massey, 2nd Sept 1859. A survey of the property was done by William Walbridge. William Boate had established Newcastle Academy for boys and girls in 1857. He later became County School Superintendent. Elizabeth Wilmot attended the Boate school and Miss Massey, aunt to Vincent Massey, was one of her teachers. Miss Massey married William Boate. He wrote his will 21 Apr 1864 and left all household furniture, horses, harness & cows to his widow. He left his library "*and all books belonging to me*" to his young daughter Emma Elida Boate. He left the house equally to his wife and daughter. Frances Massey Boate, widow of William, is found in the Newcastle Assessment of 1865, with one of the highest assessments in the village. She was born in Haldimand Twp 25 June 1835 - she died at Edgar, co. Simcoe, (just north of Barrie), 13 Nov 1886. There is a Boate memorial stone in the Bowmanville Cemetery.

Check with Arthur Schmit



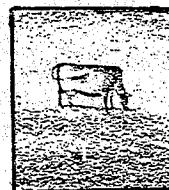
**** FROM THE BOND HEAD PLAN - - -**

- - we note the people first involved with Bond Head Village. George Manners and others petitioned for a Harbour and George Strange Boulton presented the petition to the Assembly in Toronto. Edward Clarke may have been the first president of the Harbour Company. He fell into the Lake at the Harbour, drowned, was not found for 3 weeks, and is buried at St George's Cemetery. William McIntosh, village merchant, was an early director of the Harbour and became the first owner of the Grist Mill on lot "I" - the lot written as "eye" in some documents so it did not look like the figure "1."

R. W. Robson - President of the Harbour in 1840 - was the father of John James Robson who was President of the Harbour Company years later. The railroad reduced activity at the harbour and John James became owner - and lived in "Harbour House." The secretary for the Harbour company in 1840 was Robert Charles Manners - assumed to be the son of George Manners. Robert Charles had been Deputy Consul in Boston and the Canada Company representative in Boston - interesting and assisting Americans in moving to Canada.

**** FIRST BUILDINGS**

The first building in Bond Head may have been a shack or log house built by one of the Cozens family. The Beldon Atlas of 1878 suggests that Col. Cozens "*cleared the first two acres of land in the township of Clarke*" - in Bond Head where the Averys - or Everyys - lived. In the 1832 Census we find Richard Every living in Bond Head with 4 horses, 2 oxen, 8 cows, and 2 calves. There were 4 men in the family, 2 women, one girl and one boy. The 1832 Census was signed on the 1st of April of that year by Thomas Ward, Justice of the Peace with William Holston and Joseph Every as the Assessors. Joseph Every was Richard Every's brother, and their father - John Every - is buried in Bond Head Cemetery. His stone is probably the oldest one there - and is in the Walbridge enclosure.



**** THE MYSTERIOUS COZENS FAMILY**

We know very little about these people. OUT OF THE MIST tells us on page 11 that "Capt Daniel Cozens was a loyalist who served with the New Jersey Volunteers." On page 7 we find out that there were 4 men - or families - of that name in Clarke in 1802-1803 - Samuel, Shivers, Joshua and Jacob Cozens.

**** BOND HEAD MERCHANTS IN 1842**

We find Robert Charles Manners, merchant, in the Clarke Township Census of 1842 when he appears to have been living on lot 51 in Bond Head. It was an interesting household - 3 natives of England, 3 natives of Ireland, one Scot, 4 born in Canada, 4 born in the U.S., - 2 aliens. There were 4 little girls in the household - probably the 4 born in Canada - and 6 servants, 3 male and 3 female.

**** EVERYMAN'S ENCYCLOPAEDIA - 1958 EDITION**

From Everyman's Encyclopaedia we get a hint of Robert Charles Manners background.

JOHN MANNERS, MARQUESS OF GRANBY (1721-1770) - British soldier - father 3rd Duke of Rutland. He entered the British Parliament in 1741 - took part in the campaign of Flanders. Colonel of Royal Horse Guards in 1758 "*and was present in the great action of Minden in the Seven Years War.*" <for more information see W. E. Manners, LIFE OF JOHN MANNERS, MARQUESS OF GRANBY, 1899. So this was an ancestor of Robert Charles Manners, secretary to the Bond Head Harbour Co, and "storekeeper" in Bond Head in the winter of 1842. By 1846 Robert Charles had moved farther east along the Lake. He was a near neighbour of the Kimball family, and he left his family name on lot 5, Broken Front Concession, Clarke. The spot is still know as Port Granby.

**** LAKESHORE ROAD**

Lakeshore Road must be one of the oldest roads in the area. It may have been little more than a path, but it was probably in existence well before 1846. Drive east from Newcastle/Bond Head - along the Lakeshore - past Bill and Pat Lake's. Pat writes poetry, Bill reminds us that he and his brothers collected Indian shards near Orono - past Sally and Greg Ward's - Sally is building marvellous canoes - her interpretation of a canoe - out of wood and cotton - Greg is writing another "thriller" - past Jeff Smith, who sends us - the Historical Society - letters of "encouragement." When we get to Bud May's - Clarke Township painter - who paints pictures reminding us of our heritage - we know we are getting close to Port Granby.

**** THE KIMBALL FAMILY**

As we approach Port Granby we are in Kimball territory. Agnes Burley in CLARKE TOWNSHIP EASTERN SECTION - IT'S PLACES - PEOPLE AND EVENTS tells us that Jared Kimball (1775-1867) and his wife Theodota (1776-1852) - from Scotland - bought 100 acres in Clarke - lot 15, conc.2, from Myndert Harris, in 1806. This would be land on the north side of highway no. 2 - just west of Newtonville. Later they bought 200 acres from Robert Baldwin and another 100 from John D. Smith. Most of this land was sold and the family moved to Lot 9 and Lot 10 in the Broken Front in 1829 - and Kimballs have farmed this land ever since.

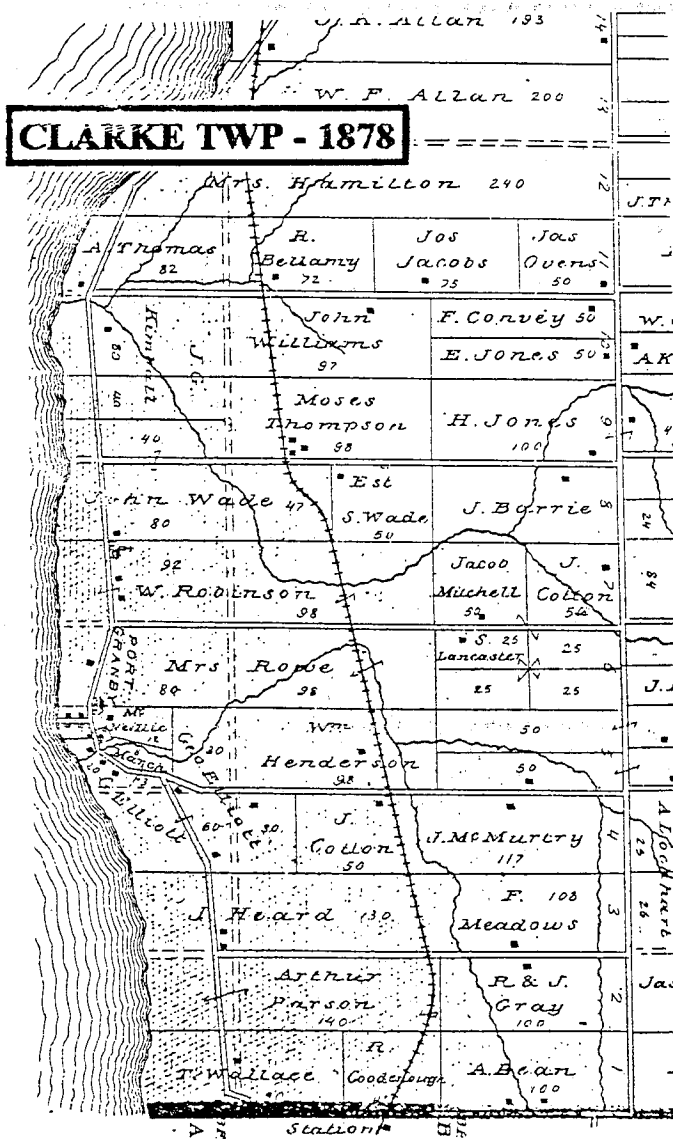
Agnes Burley also points out that - except for along the lake front - there was very little serious settlement in Clarke Township prior to 1830 - so Jared Kimball and wife Theodota were very much "*early pioneers.*" In 1819 John Goldie, a botanist who traveled from Montreal to the western end of Lake Ontario reported that he saw only 3 or 4 new log cabins in Clarke Township.

Lena Graham - a member of our Society - is a great great granddaughter of the original Jared Kimball. Her parents were George Milton Kimball (born 1886) and Winnifred Gilmour (born 1912). Lena had three brothers - George, Jack and Jared Austin. Their father, George Milton was the son of Jared Kimball Jr and Selena Ann Marsh (1860-1896) of Port Granby. Jack Kimball is still farming the family property just west of Port Granby.

**** ROBERT CHARLES MANNERS AND THE BUILDING OF PORT GRANBY**

In 1842 Robert Charles, of the village of Bond Head, mortgaged 81 acres - being lot 5, Broken Front, south part, Clarke Twp, to George Manners Esq, of Haldimand Twp. This is the land that is now called Port Granby. 1846 - "Charles R. Maners" lot 5, south part - 36 uncultivated acres, 40 cultivated, 1 story frame house valued at £97 - 1 horse - 1 cow. 1847 - June <Clarke Twp deed 108> Robert Charles Manners, of Clarke Twp, and wife Mary Plummer Manners, sell to James Robertson of town of Port Hope, part of no.5, BF, Conc"A" - beginning at water's edge or high water mark - to post between lot 5 and lot 6, planted in presence of William Rowe, Thomas Welch, Theron Dickey and Almond Hyatt - then east at right angle to Street called Lake Street - - etc, etc.

"The above describes a piece or parcel of land conveyed for the sole benefit and purpose of certain persons forming a company for putting out a wharf front on #5 BF" - James Robertson, President of Wharf Co in Trust - if not incorporated within 2 years - Robertson agrees that a private company will put out a wharf at same place - wharf consisting of at least 4 cribs 30 x 30 feet - in 2 years land reverts to Robert Charles Manners. Witness James Rowe, Twp of Hamilton & William Rowe, Twp of Clarke - signed 3rd July 1847.



Looking at the 1878 plan from the Beldon Atlas we note that the Elliots were early settlers in Port Granby. George Elliot Sr came to Port Granby from England - and by 1856 had a mill and distillery. He lived on Lot 5, Broken Front, as did his son George Elliot Jr. Mrs Rowe was on Lot 6 - and William Robinson was on Lot 7. He had 6 children - one being James Robinson who moved to Newcastle village & died there 23 March 1953. Then the Wades on Lot 8 - a James Wade (1846-1912) and wife Betsey Jenkins (1846-1933) - had 6 children, including Ethel Eileen who moved to Newcastle in 1912.

The Wades owned the east 1/2 of lot 9, BK. "A" in 1878 - and Jared Jr (bn 1853) who married Susana Walters owned the west half - as well as all of Lot 10. Back in 1846, Austen Kimbal (father to Jared Jr) was listed as "Osten Cimbak" in the Assessment Roll. He had a frame house under 2 stories - on 60 acres of cultivated land, with 40 acres "uncultivated" - 4 stallions were kept for mares, 5 cows and 2 young cattle.

**** THE LOG CABIN**

In 1878 Andrew Thomas was the neighbour to the Kimball's on their west side. He came from Ireland, his wife was Mary McNall, and Agnes Burley says that Thomas "built a log cabin on lake south of Lot 10 B.F. which still stands." This is probably the log cabin identified as 4397 Lakeshore Rd - and shown

in a photograph on page 3 in HERITAGE BUILDINGS - CLARKE TOWNSHIP, published by Clarington LACAC. HERITAGE BUILDINGS says that Andrew Thomas purchased his land in 1855 - but a Clarke Assessment shows that Andrew Thomas was living on the south part of lot 11, Broken Front in 1846, and that he had 2 horses - no oxen - 3 milk cows - and one young calf.

**** LESLIE WILSON**

Our Society had a very interesting evening in April with Leslie Wilson as our guest speaker. Leslie talked about Clarke Township families of the 1790-1812 period - and presented us with a collection of copies of archival drawings - and a large genealogical notebook. The first page tells us that *"this research document - has been presented to the Newcastle Society - so that others may use it in their research - and add to it from their findings."* The book is *"meant as a guide to sources for people researching their family roots in Durham County."* The book will be updated - and members are invited to contact Leslie at any time regarding family searches in Durham.

**** MYNDERT HARRIS**

[Some of the following is from the LESLIE WILSON NOTEBOOK - some is from Erla and Francis Jose. Those interested should visit the Walton-Ball stone in the Bond Head Cemetery]

Myndert Harris Sr (1748-1823) came from Poughkeepsie, in Dutchess County, New York, and was the first settler in Hope Township. With the war of Independence he had a falling out with his family and moved to Nova Scotia. He then returned to New York State, but left again and traveled to Niagara-on-the-Lake - and was sent on a gunboat, with Capt Jonathan Walton, from York to Smith's Creek (Port Hope), by Governor Simcoe. Ontario Archive records suggest he had 10 children, one of the youngest being Myndert Jr, of Port Hope, who married Phoebe Hawkins.

Wm H Walton-Ball - a great grandson of Myndert Harris Sr, and owner of lots 13 to 16, block F, in Bond Head, erected a memorial stone in St Mark's Cemetery, Port Hope - and part of the inscription is as follows: Sacred to the memory of Myndert Harris Esq, U.E., born 1748, son of Joseph Harris Esq, of Poughkeepsie, Duchess Co, N.Y. The family were of English Dutch descent. He - served - in the quartermaster dept at New York. When the war was over he went with his family to Digby, N.S. Here he remained 7 years.

Myndert Harris (the 3rd) was known to residents of Bond Head who lived here early this century. He lived in a small cottage in block "F" later owned by Dr Chris Love. The laneway to the cottage was Darcy Street and Dr Love would remind listeners from time to time that in early days one could drive a carriage on Darcy Street from Mill to Park St.

Mindy Harris was eccentric. Francis Jose says that his father would walk down Arthur Street - which was open then from Metcalf to the Lake - visit Mindy - and play checkers with him. When he arrived he would find the door locked - "is that you Harry?" Mindy would ask - then let Francis's father in - and then he would put away the gun that he kept at his side - in case he was attacked. Mindy could also be seen traveling about the village - on horseback - armed with a sword. Myndert Gardiner Harris, eldest son of the late Squire Harris - and Mrs Harris - of Brandon Manor, near Port Hope, died on March 17th 1921. He was age seventy one - and died at Brighton, Ontario.

**** THE CLARKS OF CLARKE**

The following description of King Street, Newcastle, and of Bond Head was written by Mrs Bertha Clark. She was the wife of Merckley Clark (Mar 9 1876 - Apr 27 1939) and she was born Bertha E Broad (Dec 20 1879 - Oct 4 1969). Merckley and Bertha were the parents of Lewis Clark mentioned below who married Phyllis Langman. Latham Clark (1803-1874) married Louisa Beach (1805-1875) and they were the parents of Merckley. Another son was Robert (1825-1907) who married Charlotte A. Welch (1837-1898). Francis Jose says that Charlotte at one time - fixed or repaired Robert's trousers. Robert did not like the result - so he threw his trousers into the fire.

**** A GRANDMOTHER'S MEMORIES OF NEWCASTLE AND BOND HEAD
NOTES BY MRS MERKLEY CLARK (born BERTHA BROAD)**

Bond Head in 1907 was a busy harbour, shipping grain - and bringing coal to its wharf. It boasted a grain elevator and there would be as many as 40 wagons waiting to unload. There was a passenger boat twice a week - return fare 75 cents. The lighthouse is gone - but the building that was a hotel is still there. Mr Pope was harbour master and tended the light every day. John James Robson was Justice of the Peace. Mr Farncomb had one of the lovely homes and kept it as a show place.

About 1895 fire destroyed the south side of King Street from Mill Street to the Queen's Hotel. On Jan 21st 1896 a second fire destroyed the North West corner of King and Mill Streets. Farfet rebuilt the store that is now the IGA.

Miss Wilson had a dressmaking shop and Mr Eilbeck built a store and sold furniture and looked after funerals. Goode's hardware store - formerly Bonathan's - where Beckers is now - was originally built for a pill factory - Northrop & Lyman. Later it was used as Alexandra Hall and for the Masonic Lodge. Electricity came to Newcastle in 1897. The power came from Wilmot Creek where the fishery and a grist mill stood. The Belmont Electric Works was owned and operated by Samuel Wilmot. Daniel Massey with his son Hart began the manufacture of farm implements. Newcastle lost out when both Massey and Northrop moved to Toronto.

The IGA store on the corner of King and Mill Streets used to be four stores - a general store run by Percy Langman and his family (where Lewis Clarke met Phyllis Langman) - Mr Springham's tinsmith shop - Mellow's Drug Store - and another grocery store run by two ladies, Mrs Chapman and Miss Ruby. The general store was previously owned by Coulson's and the Matchetts. When Howard Toms and his family took over in the late 40's they gradually expanded all stores into a department store - but now it is all groceries.

Proceeding west - there was a bank of Commerce - a shoe repair shop (J.Holebunko) - Anderson's Drug Store - and the Queen's Hotel. To the east of Mill Street - on the south side - the corner store sold groceries (Harv Britton) - next was DeLine's barber shop taken over by his daughter, Pauline Storks, as a dress shop. Fire destroyed Emerson Fisher's General Store where the doctor's office (Miklos) and a drug store replaced it (Johnson's) When Harve Bonathan moved his hardware store to the corner of Church and King (the old pill factory), his old store became a restaurant. For awhile Karl Weyrich made furniture above the hardware store before he built a small factory across the street - which was replaced by the Bank of Commerce. The Post Office was removed from the Community Hall to a new building west of Gramma's house. Gramma's house was formerly owned by Nancy Shaw. Archie Glenney ran a Mill on the north side of King east of the four corners - and it went up in flames on a very cold January day. Mrs Enwright ran a variety store which replaced the Mill - and Eva Smith had a restaurant - the Green Leaf beside it (Woo's). The library used to be in the Community Hall, Council met upstairs as well as the Masons. Guy Lombardo used to play for dances on New Years Eve.

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